

The SHEPHERD'S VOICE

COUNCIL MOVES FORWARD WITH IMPROVEMENTS

Your church council is aware of their responsibilities to maintain and improve our facilities. They recently voted to move ahead and net new energy efficient windows for the educational wing of the church facilities. The cost is around \$10,000. This expense will come from existing funds that are available.

During a wind storm a couple of months ago many of the shingles on the educational unit blew off. The council recently voted to replace them with steeling roofing. The cost is \$15,000 of which approximately \$11,000 will come from the insurance company. The council believes that the steel roof is a good investment for the future.

CALL COMMITTEE AT WORK

The Call Committee met several weeks ago with Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Denver Bittner. The Synod had received our extensive Church Profile and he had the profile of a pastoral candidate to share with us. However, as the committee was making preparations to arrange an interview the candidate decided to withdraw his name for consideration. While we did not get to meet or talk directly to him it was the consensus of some that this candidate would be better placed in a larger metropolitan area. Since then the Call Committee has received the profile of another candidate which they are now considering. Obviously the name and information about the candidates must remain confidential until the Call Committee recommends the candidate. We are glad that things appear to be moving along swiftly. The next step would be to present the candidate's profile to the church council and ultimately to the congregation. We'll keep you posted.

NEW MEMBERS

We plan to receive new members in the upcoming weeks. If interested in becoming a part of Good Shepherd, please contact Pastor Stees.

Pastor Stees

Prayer Chain:

If you have a request for the Prayer Chain:

Please call the Church Office at 815-369-5552. We lift up the following loved ones in assisted-living facilities/ nursing homes, homebound, etc. in prayer: Dorothy Weimer, Gladys Staderman, Verl Price, Steve Fahr, Dorothy Wagner, Lois Paulsen, Laura Derr, Gerry Harnish and Ray Stamm. They would love to hear from you, consider visiting, calling, or sending them a note Please call the church office if you are in need of an address.



Looking... For Special Music for Summer Worship

*If you or someone you know would like to
share your talent, please call
Vivian Hesselbacher at (815-369-4496) or
Good Shepherd at (815-369-5552)*

New Babies

If there is a birth within the Good Shepherd church family, please call the church office at 815-369-5552 with all family information. We want to share in the celebration by placing a rose on the altar and announcing it in the bulletin.

May Meetings at Good Shepherd

PIECE CORPS QUILTERS will meet Wednesday May 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th from 8:00 am to 11:30 am.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES will meet Wednesday May 4th, 11th, and 18th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

LEARNING COMMITTEE will meet May 2nd at 6:30pm.

FAITH and HANNAH CIRCLE will not meet in May,

MOTHER/DAUGHTER SISTER/FRIEND POTLUCK SUPPER May 3rd at 6:00 pm.

PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP will meet May 9th at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall with guest speaker FHN Family Counseling Center topic “Depression & Anxiety in Parkinson’s”.

HYMN SING at the Lena Living Center will be Tuesday, May 10th at 9:45 am

CHURCH COUNCIL meets on Tuesday May 10th at 6:00 pm.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB will meet Thursday May 12th for a Potluck & Entertainment from “Glenda Linneman” at 12:00pm.

TEACHER APPRECIATE SUNDAY May 15th at 9:30am.

MEN’S GROUP will meet May 21st at 4:30pm.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for the May 2016 Newsletter is May 16th, 2016. Thank You!



5/1 Shannon Albright
5/1 Coralyn Hudik
5/1 Dennis Luke
5/2 Lynn Meyers
5/2 Laurie Meyers
5/3 Angie Jones
5/5 Dawn Diffenderfer
5/7 Bill Jacobs
5/7 Krystal Schlichting
5/8 Degan Euler
5/10 Marcia Meyers
5/11 Ellen Kyles
5/13 Steve Fahr
5/14 Nicole Sullivan
5/17 Mark Raders
5/18 Gerald Harnish
5/19 Sarah Geiseman
5/20 Nathan Lones
5/21 Faye Fulfs
5/23 Susan Koppean
5/23 Sheila Keene
5/24 Deb Hesselbacher
5/24 Quinten Green
5/24 Nathaniel Baker
5/25 Elizabeth Martin
5/26 Drew Solace
5/27 Chris Brinker
5/28 Brad Boeke
5/29 Eugene Hesselbacher
5/30 Nick Baker
5/30 Alexander Stabenow
5/31 Scott Luke

If we miss your birthday (or someone in your family) please call the office to update our records!



Sunday School Staff

Recognition

Sunday, May 15th at 9:30am
Worship Service with a reception following
in the fellowship hall.

Chime Choir and Chancel Choir Update:



Chime Choir, Chancel Choir: May 8th will be the last day this season that the Chime Choir will play, and May 25th will be the last day the Chancel Choir sings. We hope that you have all enjoyed the musical selections of this past choir season. We have had a fun time preparing them for worship. I would like to thank all the members of the Chime Choir and Chancel Choir for their devotion and support of the Choirs. We will be needing some more help next season. If anyone would like to come and join the Chime Choir or Chancel Choir, please do so. You do not need to read music but a love for music is helpful. Thank you again to the Chime Choir and Chancel Choir members for all their great music this past season.

-Janis Kurth Director

Worship Service and Picnic In The Park

August 7th, 2016 at 10am

Good Shepherd's annual outdoor service and potluck will be August 7, 2016 at Dodd's park, Lena, IL.



**Exciting Updates and Info
for our children and youth!**



Sunday School:

Fun, learning, and worship for Preschool-6th Grades! The Preschoolers and Kindergarteners gather for their small group Sunday School time during worship following the Children's Message. Following worship all children gather in the Sanctuary for Opening at 10:45am, and the children in 1st-6th grades will gather with their teachers following the opening. **1st-6th Graders are using a fun new curriculum called Holy Moly that helps kids ignite a biblical imagination for a lifetime!**



Confirmation Ministry

for 7th -8th Graders

6:30-8:00 PM Wednesday nights

Learning, Prayer, Fun, and Friendship! This year we are studying the Bible using Echo the Story, where youth experience the biblical narrative through storytelling, creative reflection, and dialogue.



Vacation Bible School

Good Shepherd and Lena United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School will be held from **Sunday, July 17th through Thursday, July 21st.**

God's never ending Love with our Children.



God's Global Barnyard

Sunday School offerings this fall will go towards ELCA's God's Global Barnyard. All of the animals in God's Global Barnyard help families who are poor and hungry throughout the world. Sunday School children are also gathering coins and bills in their "barns" throughout the week. If you want to join in the fun with your own barn or ELCA World Hunger coin bank, contact the church office at 815-369-5552. God's Global Barnyard is a part of ELCA World Hunger.

Memorial Day **WORK WEEKEND**



THIS WEEKEND IS A
**SUPER-SIZED
SERVICE PROJECT**

to get LOMC ready for the
summer camp season.

Landscaping, construction,
clean up, painting and more!

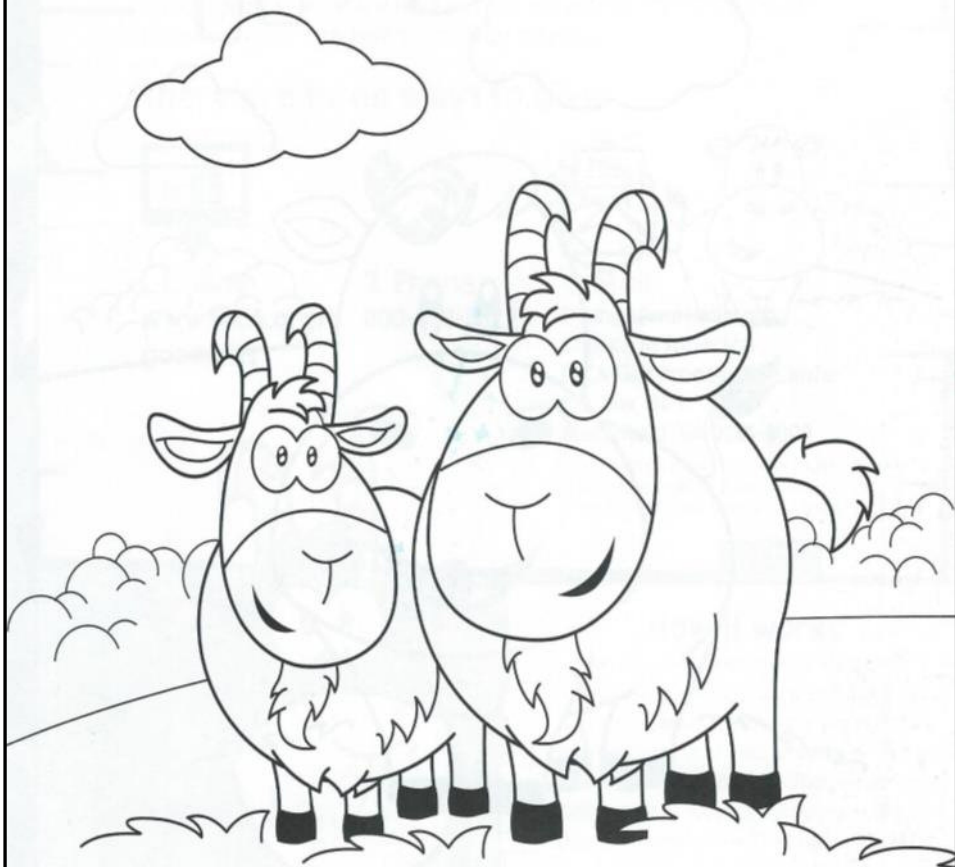
Groups, Families, Individuals & Churches are all invited to join us for the weekend.

Housing and camping is available. Meals will be provided.

Contact Ken Dilbeck for more information and to sign up. 815-732-2220

From God's Global Barnyard

GOAT



Fresh milk from a goat is good for staying healthy and strong and can be used to make products like yogurt and cheese.

WANTED

NEW OR USED GARDENING ITEMS

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| ✦ Hose | ✦ Shovel |
| ✦ Soaker Hose | ✦ Composter |
| ✦ Watering Can | ✦ Wheelbarrow |
| ✦ 5 Gallon bucket | ✦ Rain Barrel (call) |
| ✦ Gardening Gloves | ✦ Garden Tiller |
| ✦ Trowel | ✦ Hand Rake |
| ✦ Rubbermaid | ✦ Rake |
| ✦ Gardening Shed (call) | ✦ Hose Nozzle |
| ✦ Hoe | ✦ Germination Trays |

FOR SERVICE TRIP TO PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION

We will be creating a sustainable community garden on the reservation.

✦ Cash Donations will be accepted at Community Bank

For Fruit for the Spirit Community Garden account

COLLECTION ENDS MAY 14

FOR PICKUP CONTACT COLTON BRINKER

(815)- 821-2540

OR DROP OFF @ BRINKERS PIT STOP

520 E Lena St, Lena, IL 61048



Joyce Tessendorf, Ellen Kyles, Beth Martin, Donna Gullickson, Joanne Martin, Cindy Doubler, Darlene Aurand, Kelsey Albrecht and Shirley Fox for helping with the -April Newsletter.



Need of a ride to church on Sunday?

Call:

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| Troy Doubler | 369-5117 |
| Donna Gullickson | 369-4708 |
| Jean Wenzel | 369-2777 |
| Leland Wenzel | 369-4337 |

We love worshipping with you, and we want to help make sure you can get here to join us! If you are interested in being added to this list of available drivers, please contact the church office at 369-5552

Men's Group

• Will meet on April 30th at 4:30pm at Good Shepherd.

“Save the Date”

- Fund raiser at AJ'S Meats Saturday June 11th and July 9th
- A church cookout/potluck Sunday June 19th
 - Steak Fry October 23rd
- God's Work Our Hands September 25th

Next meeting will be May 21st at 4:30pm.



A community-owned walking tractor is one tool to help formerly landless people in Cambodia bring food and nourishment to their families for the long term. From agriculture to microloans, water wells to health clinics, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support the work that gets at the root causes of hunger in the U.S. and in nearly 60 countries.



ELCA World Hunger
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Treasurer's Report from Treasurer Jay Andrews

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| Incoming March 2016 | \$ 9,521.50 |
| Expenses March 2016 | \$17,636.03 |
| Net Income (Loss) | \$(8,114.53) |
| Income, Year to Date 2016 | \$28,860.21 |
| Expenses, Year to Date 2016 | \$35,327.39 |
| Net Income (Loss) | \$(6,467.18) |

Council Members for 2016

Wayne Kurth—President Coralyn Hudik—Vice President
Secretary/Youth Representative—Colton Brinker

Council Members: Shirley Fox, Karen Niemeier, Tim Gordon,
Jon Hudik, Troy Keene, Troy Doubler, Eugene Hesselbacher,
Pastor Art Stees

Highlights from April Council Meeting:

- Chris Brinker presented the Property Committee Report. He stated \$10,100 was the bid given from Tony Jordan for the church roof to be re-shingled. He presented a steel roofing proposal which was \$14,300. Chris Brinker recommended we go ahead with the steel roof. Shirley Fox wondered if we could use memorial money for the roof. Coralyn Hudik motioned to accept the bid for a steel roof project that Tony Jordan will be doing for \$14,300 and Troy Keene seconded motion passed by voice vote.
- Pastor Art Stees updated us on the call process, and some recent developments in that process.
- The Website Committee Report was presented by Troy Doubler. Changes will be made and the website will be updated
- The Men's Ministry Committee Report was presented by Troy Doubler. He spoke about the men singing and the CPR classes.
- Pastor Art Stees asked for June 26th and July 3rd off. We discussed who would be subbing.
- Colton Brinker asked about donations for his service project and informed the council about the project.



Faith and Hannah Circles will not meet in May in lieu of the Women's Mother/Daughter Sister/Friend Potluck Supper.

Circle members and helpers will meet at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 to set-up for the Mother/Daughter Sister/Friend Potluck Supper.

Mother/Daughter Sister/Friend Potluck Supper is

Tuesday, May 3, 2016 starting at 6:00 pm.

We will play Bingo at 7:00 pm. and there will be prizes.

All women of the church and their guests are welcome to attend all circle functions.

Friendship Club at Good Shepherd

There is an outreach program sponsored by Good Shepherd that has been serving seniors in the Lena community for over 30 years. It is the FRIENDSHIP CLUB!

COME- visit with friends, eat delicious food, and enjoy great programs planned by Fern Harnish. It is a potluck meal but you can just come. It is held the second Thursday of each month at noon.

The May meeting is May 12th with entertainment by Glenda Linneman.

Hope to see many of you from Good Shepherd on May 12th. If you need a ride, call Karen Niemeier at (815) 369-2366.

May 2016

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lena, IL

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|---|---|------------|---|
| 1 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Fellowship 10:45 am Sunday School 11:00 Choir Practice 5:00 Chime Practice | 2 6:30pm Learning Committee Meeting | 3 6:00pm Mother/ Daughter Sister/ Friend Potluck Sup- per | 4 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters 3:30-5:00pm After School Program for 4th-8th graders at the Hangout 6:30-8:00 Confirmation | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Fellowship 10:45 am Sunday School 11:00 Choir Practice | 9 1:30pm Parkinson Support Group | 10 9:45am Hymn Sing at the Lena Living Center 6:00pm Council Meeting | 11 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters 3:30-5:00pm After School Program for 4th-8th graders at the Hangout 6:30-8:00 Confirmation | 12 12:00 pm Friendship Club Potluck/ Entertainment “Glenda Linneman” | 13 | 14 Collection Ends for Pine Ridge Indian Reservation Gardening Items |
| 15 9:30 am Worship Service Teacher Appreciation Day 10:30 am Fellowship 11:00 Choir Practice | 16 | 17 | 18 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters 3:30-5:00pm After School Program for 4th-8th graders at the Hangout 6:30-8:00 Confirmation Party and Pizza! | 19 | 20 | 21 4:30pm Men’s Group |
| 22 9:30 am Worship Service Reception of New Members 10:30 am Fellowship | 23 | 24 | 25 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 3 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Fellowship | 30 | 31 | | | | |

Communion Set-up/Clean up
Jay and Michelle Andrews

May Worship Volunteers

May 1

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| Lector | Beth Martin |
| Acolyte | Braden Diddens |
| Assisting Minister | Austin Andrews |
| Worship Assistant | Taylor Bastian |
| Communion Ushers | Jerimy and Cara Schriener |
| Communion Assistant | Colton Brinker, Marybeth Brinker |
| Welcome Visitor | Sue Diddens |
| Sound System | Wayne Kurth, Ashtyn Brinker |
| Greeters | Darlene Aurand, Troy and Cindy Doubler |
| Ushers | Jerimy and Cara Schriener, Jerry and Beth Martin |
| Elevator Operator | Chris Brinker |

May 8

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| Lector | Janis Kurth |
| Acolyte | Coltin Coonts |
| Assisting Minister | Jay Andrews |
| Worship Assistant | Sondra Winters |
| Communion Ushers | Paul and Shirley Fox |
| Communion Assistant | Coralyn Hudik, Denny Luke |
| Welcome Visitor | Jean Engel |
| Sound System | Troy Doubler, Taylor Bastian |
| Greeters | Chris and Angie Brinker, Sheridan and Marybeth Brinker |
| Ushers | Claire and Helen Cross, Paul and Shirley Fox |
| Elevator Operator | Donna Gullickson |

May 15

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| Lector | Marybeth Brinker |
| Acolyte | Hanna Brinker |
| Assisting Minister | Taylor Bastian |
| Worship Assistant | Coralyn Hudik |
| Communion Ushers | Gary and Cynthia Boeke |
| Communion Assistant | Austin Andrews, Shirley Fox |
| Welcome Visitor | Donna Gullickson |
| Sound System | Jay Andrews, Braden Diddens |
| Greeters | Paul and Shirley Fox,, Bill and Jean Engel |
| Ushers | Gary and Cynthia Boeke, Tim Gordon, Virgil Gordon |
| Elevator Operator | Krista Keene, Troy Keene |

May 22

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| Lector | Marybeth Brinker |
| Acolyte | Ashtyn Brinker |
| Assisting Minister | Wayne Kurth |
| Worship Assistant | Sue Diddens |
| Communion Ushers | Gary and Cynthia Boeke |
| Communion Assistant | Sheila Keene, Charmaine McGee |
| Welcome Visitor | Wayne Kurth |
| Sound System | Troy Doubler, Hanna Brinker |
| Greeters | Dana Diddens, Braden Diddens, Jay and Michelle Andrews |
| Ushers | Gene and Vivian Hesselbacher, Gary and Cynthia Boeke |
| Elevator Operator | Denny Luke |

May 29

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| Lector | Shirley Fox |
| Acolyte | Kayla Runkle |
| Assisting Minister | Sheila Keene |
| Worship Assistant | Shirley Fox |
| Communion Ushers | Jim Swain, Larry Fulfs |
| Communion Assistant | Sue Diddens, Taylor Bastian |
| Welcome Visitor | Bob Schlachter |
| Sound System | Jay Andrews, Austin Andrews |
| Greeters | Curt and Sue Diddens, Gary and Cynthia Boeke, |
| Ushers | Coralyn Hudik, Darlene Aurand, Jim Swain, Larry Fulfs |
| Elevator Operator | 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 call the church office with the change by Wednesday AM of the week that you have been assigned. If you cannot switch with anyone please call the church office by Tuesday of the week that you are to volunteer so that arrangements can be made.
Office Hours-Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9:00am-2:00pm
Telephone: 815-369-5552

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship Service 9:30 am

Pre-K & K Sunday School after Children's Message

Fellowship Hour 10:30 am

Sunday School 10:45 am

CHURCH OFFICE 815-369-5552

Interim Pastor Pastor Art Stees

Church Secretary Darlene Barr

Month's Highlights!

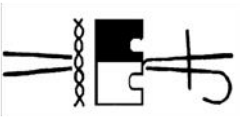
May 9 Parkinson Support Group 1:30pm

May 10 Hymn Sing at LLC 9:45am

May 12 Friendship Club 12:00pm

May 15 Teacher Appreciation Sunday

May 21 Men's Group



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*The Good Shepherd cares for us.
He gives His Life for us and to us.
We give and use our lives in love,
care and service of one another.*

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