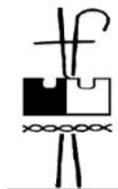


The SHEPHERD'S VOICE
August 2016



**Jeffrey Clements elected bishop
of**

Northern Illinois Synod

CHICAGO – The Rev. H. Jeffrey Clements, Rockford, was elected June 18 to serve a six-year term as bishop of the Northern Illinois Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church

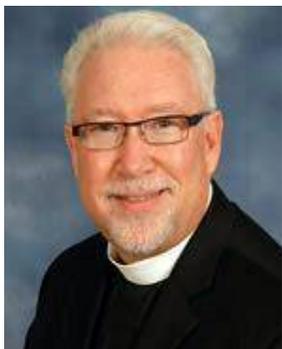
in America (ELCA). The election was held during the Synod Assembly June 16-18 at Centennial Hall at Augustana College in Rock Island, IL

Clements was elected on the fifth ballot with 278 votes to 181 votes for the Rev. Stacie R. Fidler, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Rock Island. "I have never yet served a call in this church that I would have anticipated or sought. Yet, each time the Holy Spirit has spoken through the church, I have been challenged and happy," said Clements. "The same is true today. I am honored and humbled to receive this call and will gladly serve the Northern Illinois Synod in a time of great transition in the church."

Clements has served as assistant to the bishop of the Northern Illinois Synod since 2002. He was pastor of First Lutheran Church in Prophetstown, Ill., from 1990 to 2002.

Clements earned a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1977 and a Master of Divinity from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., in 1983. Luther is one of the ELCA's eight seminaries. The Rev. Gary M. Wollersheim, current bishop of the Northern Illinois Synod, has served three six-year terms and will retire Aug. 31.

Clements will be installed as bishop Saturday, Sept. 24, at First Lutheran Church in Rockford.





Worship Service and Picnic In The Park August 7th at 10am

Good Shepherd's annual outdoor service and potluck will be August 7th, 2016 at Dodd's Park in Lena. Games for all ages following the potluck! Invite friends and neighbors to join you! Please bring a dish to share as you are able. Rain location will be at Good Shepherd.

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, Lois Paulsen, Laura Derr, 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.

Choir practice will begin on Sunday August 21 at 11 am.

All are welcome to come and join the choir to add music to our worshiping experience on Sunday Mornings. Jr. High and older are all welcome.

Chime Choir will begin on Sunday August 21 at 5 pm.

We have some new and exciting music this year. Everyone is welcome to come and join the Chime Choir. No musical experience is necessary to play the chimes. Our first performance will be later in September.

August Meetings at Good Shepherd

PIECE CORPS QUILTERS will meet Wednesday August 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st from 8:00 am to 11:30 am.

LEARNING TEAM MEETING August 1st at 6:30pm.

HANNAH CIRCLE will not meet in August.

WORSHIPE SERVICE IN THE PARK August 7th at 10:00am.

PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP will meet August 8th at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall with guess speaker Brenda Dorsey from Resource Center topic "Service Available through the Senior Resource Center of Stephenson & JoDaviess counties."

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

CHURCH COUNCIL meets on Tuesday August 9th at 6:00 pm.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB will meet Thursday August 11th for a Potluck & Entertainment from "Ruter Ministries" at 12:00pm.

GOOD SHEPHERD HOST SERVICE at Lena Living Center. August 21st at 2:30pm.

MEN'S GROUP meeting August 27th at 4:30pm.

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS Sunday August 28th at 9:30am

TEACHERS INSTALATION August 28^h at 9:30am

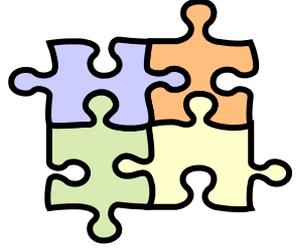
RALLY DAY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF August 28^h starting AT 10:45AM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for the September 2016 Newsletter is August 15th, 2016. Thank You!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

8/2 Madison Tessendorf
8/3 Virgil Gordon
8/3 Susan Gordon
8/4 Jean Wenzel
8/5 Audrey Stees
8/5 Karen Cross
8/7 Bob Lyvers
8/7 Tim Huber
8/7 Mark Jacobs
8/8 Brooke Huttenlocher
8/10 Steve Carlson
8/10 Abbea Schlichting
8/11 Danielle Jones
8/11 Layton Albright
8/13 Sheridan Brinker
8/15 Mercedes Freitag
8/16 Larry Huneke
8/16 Dennis Broege
8/18 Nikola Cornwell
8/19 Bill Engel
8/19 Brianna Kraft
8/19 Jacob Collier
8/21 Virgil Martin
8/21 Marlene Jones
8/21 Lydia Smith
8/21 Alec Aurand
8/23 Gia Schlichting
8/23 Kevin Huttenlocher
8/24 Donna Gullickson
8/24 Curt Diddens
8/25 Chad Baldauf
8/25 Emily Meyers
8/26 Paul Fox
8/26 Ethan Fye
8/29 Pastor Miranda
8/30 Thomas Andrews

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





**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Youth and Children's Ministry
Registration Form and Conduct Covenant**

(Please complete front and back of form. Thank you.)

Youth Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Male ____ Female ____

Grade in September 2015 _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Phone #s _____ Cell Phone #s _____

Email Address _____

Other Emergency Contact (relationship & #)

Please list any adults who are not allowed to pick up your children:

Are there any medical conditions, physical limitations, dietary concerns, or allergies that we should know about? (please describe)

Please list any medications (prescription or non-prescription) authorized for use:

Church Affiliation (if not Good Shepherd)

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Youth and Children's Ministry
CONDUCT COVENANT**

It is a primary goal of GSLC ministries that children and youth grow closer to God in fun and meaningful ways. This Conduct Covenant serves to ensure that there is a safe and affirming environment for this to happen.

*As a child of God and a participant in Good Shepherd (GSLC) ministries
I understand and agree to the following expectations:*

I choose to participate fully in the ministries I'm involved in.

I choose to respect all people, including myself, choosing to treat others as I would like to be treated.

I choose to listen to the GSLC leadership team, teachers, and volunteers.

I choose to use my words to build others up and encourage them
(and not to tease others).

I choose to have fun - but not at someone else's expense.

I will not bring harm to others or myself.

I choose to be respectful of the facilities and grounds.

I understand fully that if I damage other people's property, I am responsible for replacing/repairing it.

I understand that if I choose to break this Conduct Covenant, there are consequences. Consequences may include (but are not limited to): private and/or public verbal warnings, time out, a change of rooms or groups, payment for damages, notification of parents, or being sent home. I understand that if I choose to harm others or myself, my parent(s)/guardian(s) will be contacted and I will be sent home.

Child / Youth Signature

Date

I hereby grant my permission for my child to attend the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (GSLC) ministries marked on this form. I have read this Conduct Covenant and enter into it with my child. I will encourage my daughter/son to abide by it. I understand that should my child choose to break this covenant every effort will be made to contact me (and as needed the emergency contact listed), and/or in the case of bringing harm to self or others my child will be sent home. I grant my permission, in case of an emergency during an off-site ministry event, for medical attention to be sought by the chaperones/volunteers for my child's group. I understand that all efforts will be made to notify me immediately of any such happenings. I give permission for pictures and/or video taken of my child during GSLC ministries to be used for promotional use by GSLC. I agree to release all liability from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (members, staff, & volunteers) if my child is injured in any way during church activities.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Dear Brothers and Sisters
at Good Shepherd,
Greetings from Strawberry
Point, IA! Jesse and I pray you
are all doing well. You are often
in our thoughts and prayers. We
are excited to share with you
that Micah Paul Klosterboer was
born on May 27th at 10:31 am.



Micah Paul Klosterboer

He was 7 lbs. 3 oz. and 20 ½ inches. It is so wonderful to spend time with little Micah! It is a huge life adjustment as we learn how to grow into our new calling as parents, but it is such an honor and a joy as well. I also have a greatly deepened awe of all mothers everywhere after having gone through labor and delivery. God is definitely at work in the miracle of child birth! We are so thankful for all of your support and prayers! We look forward to a time when we might introduce Micah to you all! May the Lord bless you and guide you in life and ministry and may the joy and peace of Christ be with you!

With much thanksgiving!

Pastor Miranda Klosterboer



Wine and Cheese Party

We will be having our annual Wine and Cheese party on August 20, 2016 at the home of Donna Gullickson.

Please bring your favorite wine, pop or lemon aid as well a some cheese or other finger food. The fun and fellowship will begin at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the evening.

OPEN HOUSE

75th Birthday Open House on
September 11, 2016

Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall 2pm-4pm..

Please come and celebrate with Nina Mueller.

(No gifts!)

Lance, Doug & families



Thank You!

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

Get ready to serve!

**“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday
Sunday, Sept. 25th, 2016**



This fall, the nearly 10,000 congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) are invited to put their faith into action by serving their communities in ways that

share the love of God with all of God’s people. **Save the date to join brothers and sisters in Christ in serving our neighbor on September 25th. We will seek to have service opportunities for all ages and abilities. Make sure to sign up!**

Whether it’s volunteering at a homeless shelter, cleaning up a public park, writing letters to military personnel serving overseas or supporting those congregations who fight for peace and justice in their communities every day, we are a church that boldly does God’s work of restoring and reconciling communities.

“‘God’s work. Our hands.’ Sunday reminds us that we are church together for the sake of the world. Our lives have been changed by our relationship with God through Jesus Christ, and it’s that encounter with Jesus that frees us to make a difference.” — ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

To help increase the visual impact of the day of service, ELCA members will be wearing bright-yellow **“God’s work. Our hands.”** T-shirts with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on the back! anyone who wants a t-shirt for God's Work Our Hands Sunday (in Sept.) there will be a sign up sheet posted. Sign up by August 4th. You work hard to help make your community a better place! Now lets do this work together!

- 9:30 am** **Worship Service**
- 10:30 am** **Divide into Serving Teams**
- 11:00 am** **Arrive at Service Sites**
- 12:30 pm** **Lunch at Service Sites**
- 3:00 pm** **Dessert, Prayer, and Sharing**



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday:
Day of Service
Project Application

FIRST and LAST NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER: _____

When is the best time to contact you? _____

Number of occupants in the home:

Are you the owner of the home? Yes _____ or No _____

Are you the owner of the land? Yes _____ or No _____

If you are not the owner, please provide the address and phone number for the owner(s):

Owner name and address:

Owner phone number:

Describe work needed in detail:

Mission Trip Pine Ridge South Dakota Fruit for the Spirit Community Garden



SJ, Chris, DJ and Troy after finishing 2 out of the 6 beds we built.



(Left to right) Trey, Bobby, Alex, Kejuan, Sinnica and I did a little handprint painting.

Treasurer's Report from Treasurer Jay Andrews

Incoming June 2016	\$ 7,188.00
Expenses June 2016	\$ 6,810.16
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 377.84
Income, Year to Date 2016	\$59,745.45
Expenses, Year to Date 2016	\$66,938.79
Net Income (Loss)	\$(7,193.34)

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 July Council Meeting:

- Council discussed where the funds will be used from for the Windows, roof, and gutters.
- Shirley Fox moved to take \$7,150 out of the Trust Endowment Interest Fund for the roof project and Troy Keene seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.
- Coralyn Hudik moved to take \$5,900 out of the BMI Fund for the window project and Troy Keene seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.
- Shirley Fox moved to spend \$65 for a spot at Fall Festival and Troy Keene seconded. Motion passed by voice vote. .
- Rally Day is August 28th in the Fellowship Hall after church. .
- Pastor Stees talked about the Stubbs family, our missionaries in Tanzania. The family will not be home this summer, but for next year try to get the family to come to Good Shepherd for a presentation. .
- Shirley is going to ask so that on the 31st we have fresh baked goods for Miho when she visits.
- We discussed the steps on the curb out front. We are going to request the city put in handicap accessible ramps there.

Volunteers Needed for Custodian Work

Good Shepherd is in need of a custodian or a custodial service. Until there is a new custodian or custodial service hired there is a need for volunteers to sign up to do the cleaning. Those who sign up can choose to sign up for half a month or for the full month. If you are interested in signing up the chart will be in the fellowship hall or you can call or email the office

(815) 369-5552

Email: GoodShepherdLena@outlook.com or Email: gslchurch@aeroinc.net

Hannah Circle will not meet in August. We will resume a new Bible Study in September. Our Fall 2016 Bible Study - A three-session study on **“When God’s not fair: coming to terms with a merciful God.”** This study is written by Meghan Johnston Aelabouni, co-pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Fort Collins, Colorado.

Here’s a brief glimpse into our Bible Study material from “Gather” magazine, July/August 2016.

COMING TO TERMS WITH A MERCIFUL GOD

WHEN GOD’S NOT FAIR

[Jonah] prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live” (Jonah 4:2-3).

Perhaps it’s not fair to Jonah, but I thought of him the other day while talking to my four-year-old daughter, Natalie. In the zeal of cleaning out the family car, I threw away a small plastic toy, remnant of a long-ago kids’ meal. Natalie had dropped the thing on the floor of the van and ignored it for weeks; yet when she caught a glimpse of it as it disappeared into the trash can, she was immediately incensed. How could I have thrown out her most precious possession without asking her permission?

My darling girl spent the rest of the day working through the stages of grief: anger (“You’re the meanest mom ever!”), denial (“Are you sure it’s gone? I want to go look in the car.”), bargaining (“Can you buy me another one?”). Then--somewhere between depression and acceptance--Natalie hit the point of existential crisis. “It’s not fair! I wish Jesus never made me!” she cried. Echoes of Jonah, ready to give up on life because of the unfairness of it all.

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

TRIVIA

Piece Corp Trivia
With 500 quilts completed how many 8X8 squares have been cut for these quilts?

Answer-40,000

August 2016

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lena, IL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30pm Learning Team Meeting	2	3 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters	4	5	6
7 10:00 am Worship Service and Picnic in the Park Games for all ages following picnic	8 1:30pm Parkinson Support Group	9 9:45am Hymn Sing at the Lena Living Center 6:00pm Council Meeting	10 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters	11 12:00 pm Friendship Club Potluck/ Entertainment <i>"Ruter Ministries"</i>	12	13
14 9:30 am Worship Service <i>Special Music—Sue Koehn</i> 10:30 am Fellowship	15	16	17 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters	18	19	20 6:30pm Wine & Cheese Party at the home of Donna Gullickson
21 9:30 am Worship Service <i>Special Music—Open</i> 10:30am Fellowship 11:00am Choir Practice 2:30 pm Good Shepherd at Lena Living Center 5:00pm Chime Practice	22	23	24 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters After School Program for 4th-8th graders at the Hangout	25	26	27 4:30pm Men's Group
28 RALLY SUNDAY! 9:30 am Worship Service Blessing of Backpacks/Teacher Installation <i>Special Music-Green County</i> <i>Harmony Chorus</i> 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Sunday School Kickoff 11:00am Choir Practice 11:15am Rally Day Carnival Games 5:00 pm Chime Practice	29	30	31 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters After School Program for 4th-8th graders at the Hangout	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Communion Set-up/Clean up August 14—Taylor Bastian August 21—Taylor Bastian August 28—Gene & Vivian Hesselbacher </div>		

August Worship Volunteers

August 7

Lector	Brianna Andrews
Acolyte	Ashtyn Brinker
Assisting Minister	Austin Andrews
Worship Assistant	Lee Wenzel
Sound System	Wayne Kurth
Ushers	Bill and Jean Engel, Gary and Cynthia Boeke

August 14

Lector	Taylor Bastian
Acolyte	Krista Keene
Assisting Minister	Wayne Kurth
Worship Assistant	Jean Wenzel
Communion Ushers	Bill and Jean Engel
Communion Assistant	Colton Brinker, Marybeth Brinker
Welcome Visitor	Sue Diddens
Sound System	Troy Doubler, Ashtyn Brinker
Greeters	Curt and Sue Diddens, Paul and Shirley Fox
Ushers	Bill and Jean Engel, Claire and Helen Cross
Elevator Operator	Donna Gullickson

August 21

Lector	Karen Niemeier
Acolyte	Hanna Brinker
Assisting Minister	Colton Brinker
Worship Assistant	Taylor Bastian
Communion Ushers	Virgil and Joanne Martin
Communion Assistant	Tena Rackow, Austin Andrews
Welcome Visitor	Wayne Kurth
Sound System	Jay Andrews, Taylor Bastian
Greeters	Dana Diddens, Braden Diddens, Bill and Jean Engel
Ushers	Virgil and Joanne Martin, Eugene and Vivian Hesselbacher
Elevator Operator	Jackie Jordan

August 28

Lector	Sue Diddens
Acolyte	Kayla Runkle
Assisting Minister	Jay Andrews
Worship Assistant	Marybeth Brinker
Communion Ushers	Jerry and Beth Martin
Communion Assistant	Troy and Cindy Doubler
Welcome Visitor	Bob Schlachter
Sound System	Wayne Kurth, Austin Andrews
Greeters	Donna Gullickson, Eugene and Vivian Hesselbacher
Ushers	Jerry and Beth Martin, Bob and Sharon Schlachter
Elevator Operator	Willie Kayser

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

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Interim Pastor Pastor Art Stees

Church Secretary Darlene Barr

Month's Highlights!

August 8 Parkinson Support Group 1:30pm

August 9 Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center 9:45am

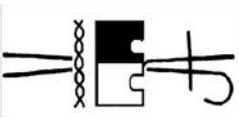
August 22 Friendship Club 12:00pm

August 20 Wine & Cheese Party at the home of Donna Gullickson 6:30pm

August 21 Good Shepherd at Lena Living Center

August 27 Men's Group 4:30pm

August 28 Rally Day/Blessing of Backpacks/Teacher Installation



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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.*

Rally Day
August 28th
Sunday School
Registration and
details inside

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