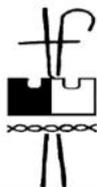


The SHEPHERD'S VOICE

September 2016



SO, WHO'S COUNTING ???

One of our Good Shepherd members asked me how long I had been here. He didn't mean "how long since Pastor Miranda left," but the total time I have served as interim pastor over the years. Well, that goes way back when I was interim pastor for interim pastor Bob Engen when he went south for the winter!

Well, by my calculations I have been interim pastor at Good Shepherd for a total of over three years. In some ways, I think that's good. I've gotten to know lots of you and in recent interims we didn't have to start out as strangers. I've had the assistance of the same secretary twice which makes for an easy transition. By coincidence the same fellow has been president of the congregation at least twice, maybe three times, when I was here.

When Pastor Miranda was leaving I asked her to leave me a list of members who had died during her pastorate. The list brought back a lot of memories of members who had worshipped regularly while I was here previously and of folks I had visited in their homes or health care centers. I will pass that list on to Pastor Miho for in her pastoral ministry it will be helpful to know family members who have suffered a recent loss.

Welcome Pastor Miho with open arms. I know you have an enthusiastic and capable pastor who is anxious to be with you. Support her with your prayers, your compliments and your friendly advice.

I won't say "goodbye til' next time", as I may actually retire this time. Anyway, I don't think you'll be needing an interim pastor for many years.

I've enjoyed serving you. Audrey and I pray for God's blessing on you as you begin a new chapter of ministry at Good Shepherd.

Pastor Stees



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Dear Members of the Northern Illinois Synod:

On behalf of the Synod Council and the Transition Team of the Northern Illinois Synod, I want to invite you and the members of your congregation to share in the Service of Holy Communion and the Installation for our Bishop-elect, the Reverend Jeffrey Clements. This celebration will provide an opportunity for all the members of the Synod to share in the beginning of a new era in the life of the church in Northern Illinois. It will also offer the People of God a context in which to pray for our new bishop and the ministry we will share with him as our leader.

This celebration will be held at 10:00 o'clock in the morning on September 24 at First Lutheran Church, 225 South 3rd Street, Rockford, Illinois. Sharing with us will be the Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, the ELCA bishops of our region, the bishops of our Global Companion Churches, and representatives from our Full Communion Partners. The Augustana College choir and a Synod-wide choir will be singing. Instrumental music will be provided by members of the Rockford Symphony Orchestra and youth from synod congregations. A reception at which you may greet our new bishop will follow immediately in Shepherd's Gate at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

PLEASE NOTE: persons with disabilities and those leading the worship may park at First Lutheran. **All other worship attendees are asked to park at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 3300 Corbridge Lane, Rockford.** Bus transportation will be provided from Our Savior's to First Lutheran and back again at the conclusion of the Installation. The reception at Our Savior's will include a light lunch, thus making it possible for participants to return home immediately after its conclusion. Please plan on being on the buses at Our Savior's no later than 9:00 am to insure that all persons will be able to be transported to the Installation in a timely fashion. The prelude music begins at 9:30 a.m. Finally, I would ask that you please car pool as much as possible to ensure that adequate parking space will be available at Our Savior's.

Peace be with you,

William Bartlett
Vice President and Chair of the Transition Team
Northern Illinois Synod, ELCA

September Meetings at Good Shepherd

PIECE CORPS QUILTERS will meet Wednesday September 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th from 8:00 am to 11:30 am.

LEARNING TEAM MEETING August 29th at 6:30pm.

HANNAH CIRCLE will meet in the Fellowship Hall on September 1st

FRIENDSHIP CLUB will meet Thursday September 8th for a Potluck & Entertainment from “Dean Werkheiser” at 12:00pm.

PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP will meet September 12th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall with guess speaker Vicki Bales, RN from GI Lab Topic “Parkinson’s & the GI Tract”

HYMN SING at the Lena Living Center will be Tuesday, September 13th at 9:45 am.

CHURCH COUNCIL meets on Tuesday September 13th at 6:00 pm.

BIBLE SUNDAY is September 18th

MEN’S GROUP meeting September 24th at 8:30am.

GOD’S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY and QUILT SUNDAY September 25th

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 **Sharing about your day**

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 09-01 Tim Tessendorf
- 09-01 Marcy Schwartz
- 09-02 Marilyn Hardel
- 09-03 Joshua Proehl
- 09-04 Colton Brinker
- 09-09 Elizabeth Reed
- 09-09 Cynthia Boeke
- 09-10 Brianna Andrews
- 09-11 Nina Mueller
- 09-11 Michael Geiseman
- 09-14 Eric Runkle
- 09-15 Jennifer Huneke
- 09-16 Duane Fox
- 09-17 Alexis Martin
- 09-21 Sydney Fox
- 09-24 Sally Huber
- 09-26 Gregg Boeke
- 09-27 Andrew Martin
- 09-28 Makenzie Meier
- 09-30 Cody Shumaker
- 09-30 Ryan Huttenlocher
- 09-30 Grayson Albright

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



SUNDAY AUGUST 28th!

**Rally Day
and
Blessing of Backpacks**



first day of **Sunday School!** meet your new

Sunday School leaders! Gather in the Sanctuary at 10:45am for Sunday School opening and meeting your new teachers. At 11:00 we will have a family carnival with games, music, and treats! We will gather for a meal together with volunteers and families at 11:45am.



Calling all 3rd Graders!



Bible Sunday for 3rd Graders and Older will be Sunday September 18th
If you are in 3rd grade and older and do not have a Bible, contact the church office at 815-369-5552.



**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

Lena Fall Festival is Coming Soon September 9th & 10th 2015

Sign-up sheet for the Hospitality Tent will be posted on the board in the hall. Sign up for Friday night or Saturday after the parade. One hour at a time. Set up will begin Friday afternoon.

A float will be put together for the parade also, and we are looking for volunteers to walk the parade route and ride on the float as we represent Good Shepherd in the community.

Join us by meeting on Mason Street at 11:30 am on Saturday September 10th to help with the parade

Float building will be done September 5,6,7 & 8 evenings 5:00-8:00 pm., at the Gullickson home. All church members are invited to help with the float project.



The MEN'S GROUP

will meet on Saturday September 24th at 8:30 am., with breakfast to start. Then we will do misc. projects, including some "God's Work Our Hands" things.

If you or someone you know has a service project/ need that we could help with as a church, please contact the church office for a project application.





THANK YOU VBS 2016

The Good Shepherd Congregation thanks God for the energetic, talented, generous members who led and helped with VBS 2016. Coralyn Hudik took the lead at Good Shepherd to coordinate with the Methodist and Beloved Churches of Lena. We can't thank them enough for giving their time to share God's Word and Love with our children.

THANK YOU Coralyn Hudik, Kristy Patterson, Karen Nie-meier, Sue Diddens, Chris and Angie Brinker, Cara Schriener, Shirley Fox, Mike and Kelly Geiseman, Charmaine Magee, and Kelsey Albrecht. THANK YOU to our youth helpers Anna Patterson, Taylor Patterson, Colton, Ashtyn, and Hanna Brinker, Ally Milder, Braden and Madi Diddens, and Andrea Sutter.

You ALL made a HUGE difference during the week of "Hero Quest"!!!



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

ties 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!

- 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** **Sharing about your day**



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:

Supplies/Materials Needed (if known):

Are you able to provide the materials needed? Yes _____ or No _____

I, the undersigned, wish to voluntarily participate in the “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday: Day of Service. I understand that if Good Shepherd is able to assist with my project that the work would be performed by volunteer labor. I voluntarily agree, for myself, my heirs and my personal representative, to defend, hold harmless, indemnify, release and forever discharge, to the broadest extent allowed by law, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, its trustees, officers, employees, agents, insurers, successors, assigns, from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, or causes of action on account of any damage to real or personal property from my participation in “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday. I give permission for pictures and video taken of myself and/or property during the time of volunteer service to be used for promotional use by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

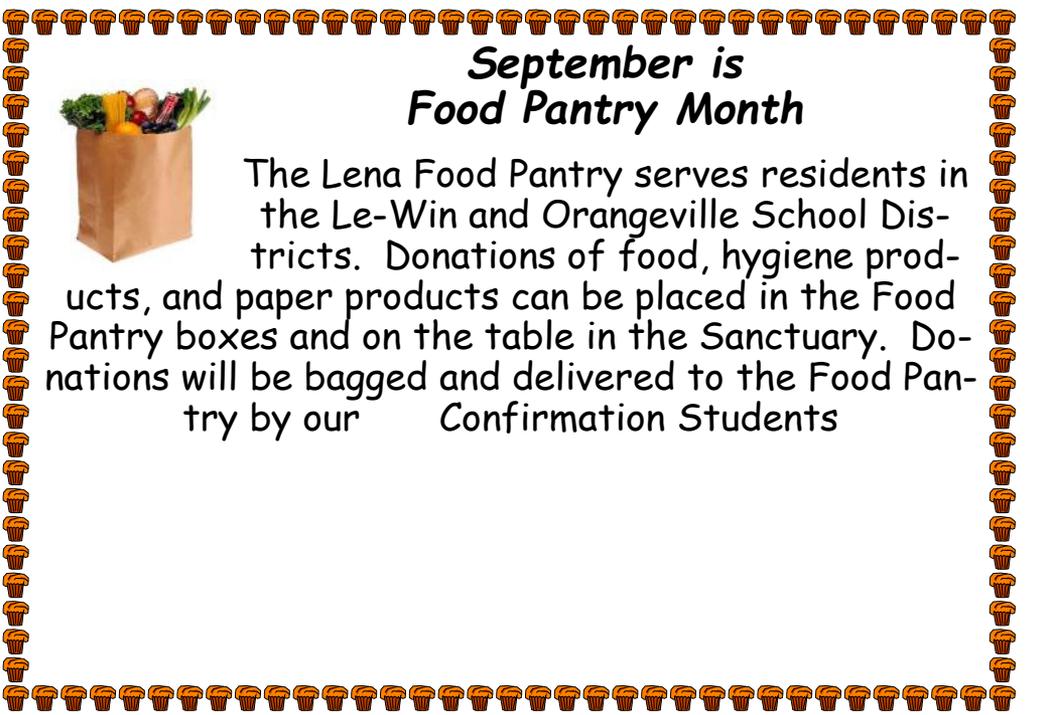
Printed Name (Applicant)

Signature of Applicant

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, Ray Stamm, and Carol Wybourn. 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.



September is Food Pantry Month



The Lena Food Pantry serves residents in the Le-Win and Orangeville School Districts. Donations of food, hygiene products, and paper products can be placed in the Food Pantry boxes and on the table in the Sanctuary. Donations will be bagged and delivered to the Food Pantry by our Confirmation Students

Treasurer's Report from Treasurer Jay Andrews

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| Incoming July 2016 | \$15,994.75 |
| Expenses June 2016 | \$22,311.84 |
| Net Income (Loss) | \$ (6,317.09) |
| Income, Year to Date 2016 | \$80,171.18 |
| Expenses, Year to Date 2016 | \$89,250.63 |
| Net Income (Loss) | \$ (9,079.45) |

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 August Council Meeting:

- Council discussed the plan of action for Sunday school and that was tabled.
- Council discussed the public access of our church during the day and security.
- Karen is volunteering at the hangout and wants to recruit volunteers
- We are waiting for an estimate on gutters
- Pastor Miho is looking for housing.
- Good Shepherds 160th has a committee and Tim Gordon chair.

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 church office (815) 369-5552

Hannah Circle will meet on Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Rene' Johnson is the hostess and Bible Study leader. We begin a 3-part Bible Study in the September 2016 "Gather" magazine. **Session One: "When God Forgives the Guilty"** (Jonah and the terrible, Horrible, no good, very bad day.) Jonah's prayer to God from the belly of a big fish is the stuff of many a Sunday school lesson. *But the key to this story is what happens afterwards, when Jonah the least enthusiastic prophet of all time, goes to Nineveh with a message that leads to a surprising change in God's plan. How can Jonah—how can we—come to terms with a God who forgives the guilty?*



September 25 is Quilt Sunday. This year Piece Corps made over 615 quilts for distribution here in our community and by Lutheran World Relief (LWR) overseas. Quilts were also taken to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation by the Mission Trip Team. We would like to particularly recognize and thank our summer helpers-Krista Keene and Anna Patterson, who spent their Wednesday mornings with us all summer. There are so many people who help make this ministry possible: the sewers, fabric cutters, fabric, batting, thread and money, and finally – those who pack-up and transport the quilts to Monroe, WI. and load them on the semi so they get to the people who need them. But most of all, we thank God that He has given us Work to do that impacts so many others. We will never know all the people who benefit from our quilts; but we know God's Love and Work is never done: and so each year we strive to do our best. If you know of a group or someone that needs a quilt please contact the Piece Corp-Joyce Tessororf (815)369-2331 or call the church office at (815)369-5552.

For all these Blessings and People with Busy Hands and Generous Hearts, we are Truly Thankful!

-The Piece Corp

September 17, 2016- Northern Illinois Synodical Women's Organization annual Convention at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Yorkville IL. Theme: "Morning Has Broken" - Coffee & Registration at 8:00 am. Opening Worship & Morning Message at 9:00 am - Registration Fee: \$35.00/person; See WELCA bulletin board for information and registration forms. A Physical Offering will be collected for the Salvation Army "Stop It Program."

Items Requested: Gift Cards for: groceries, clothing, shoes, meals during appointments; public transportation passes; International pre-paid phone cards; bedding; kitchen supplies; towels, etc.

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

September Worship Volunteers

September 4

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| Lector | Sheila Keene |
| Acolyte | Taylor Patterson |
| Assisting Minister | Sheila Keene |
| Worship Assistant | Sue Diddens |
| Communion Ushers | Jerimy and Cara Schriener |
| Communion Assistant | Shirley Fox, Taylor Bastian |
| Welcome Visitor | Sharon Schlachter |
| Sound System | Wayne Kurth, Austin Andrews |
| Greeters | Tony and Jackie Jordan, Denny Luke |
| Ushers | Gene and Vivian Hesselbacher, Jerimy and Cara Schriener |
| Elevator Operator | Anna Patterson, Kristy Patterson |

September 11

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| Lector | Denny Luke |
| Acolyte | Ashtyn Brinker |
| Assisting Minister | Wayne Kurth |
| Worship Assistant | Shirley Fox |
| Communion Ushers | Troy and Cindy Doubler |
| Communion Assistant | Cora Hudik, Eugene Hesselbacher |
| Welcome Visitor | Sue Diddens |
| Sound System | Jay Andrews, Taylor Bastian |
| Greeters | Troy, Sheila and Krista Keene, Willie Kayser |
| Ushers | Troy and Cindy Doubler, Virgil and Joanne Martin |
| Elevator Operator | Taylor Patterson, Kristy Patterson |

September 18

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| Lector | Marybeth Brinker |
| Acolyte | Coltin Coonts |
| Assisting Minister | Denny Luke |
| Worship Assistant | Vivian Hesselbacher |
| Communion Ushers | Chris and Angie Brinker |
| Communion Assistant | Tena Rackow, Wayne Kurth |
| Welcome Visitor | Jean Engel |
| Sound System | Troy Doubler, Ashtyn Brinker |
| Greeters | Jerry and Beth Martin, Virgil and Joanne Martin |
| Ushers | Chris and Angie Brinker, Troy Keene, Krista Keene |
| Elevator Operator | Taylor Bastian |

September 25

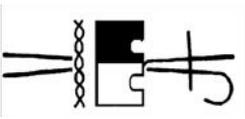
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| Lector | Marybeth Brinker |
| Acolyte | Kayla Runkle |
| Assisting Minister | Austin Andrews |
| Worship Assistant | Coralyn Hudik |
| Communion Ushers | Troy and Krista Keene |
| Communion Assistant | Beth Martin, Sheila Keene |
| Welcome Visitor | Donna Gullickson |
| Sound System | Wayne Kurth, Hanna Brinker |
| Greeters | Jerimy and Cara Schriener, Neal and Cynthia Shumaker |
| Ushers | Troy Keene, Krista Keene, Virgil Gordon, Tim Gordon |
| Elevator Operator | Denny Luke |

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

September 2016

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lena, IL

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|----------------------------------|
| 8/28 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 | 8/29 6:30pm Learning Committee Meeting | Communion Set-up/Clean up September 4—Dennis Luke September 11—Dennis Luke September 18—Sheridan & Marybeth Brinker September 25—Chris & Angie Brinker | | 1 9:00am Hannah Circle in the Fellowship Hall | 2 | 3 |
| 4 9:30 am Worship Service <i>Special Music—Open</i> 10:30am Fellowship 10:45 Sunday School 11:00am Choir Practice 5:00pm Chime Practice | 5 Labor Day Office Closed | 6 | 7 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters 3:30-5:00pm After School Program for 4th-8th graders at the Hangout | 8 12:00 pm Friendship Club Potluck/ Entertainment <i>“Dean Werkheiser”</i> | Fall Festival. Hospitality Tent Friday evening & Saturday day/night 11:30am Saturday meet on Mason St. to help with parade | |
| 11 9:30 am Worship Service <i>Special Music—Randy Kint</i> 10:30am Fellowship 10:45 Sunday School 11:00am Choir Practice 5:00pm Chime Practice | 12 6:30 pm Parkinson Support Group | 13 9:45am Hymn Sing at the Lena Living Center 6:00pm Council Meeting | 14 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters 3:30-5:00pm After School Program for 4th-8th graders at the Hangout | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 9:30 am Worship Service/ <i>Bible Sunday</i> 10:30am Fellowship 10:45 Sunday School 11:00am Choir Practice 5:00pm Chime Practice | 19 | 20 | 21 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters 3:30-5:00pm After School Program for 4th-8th graders at the Hangout | 22 | 23 | 24 8:30 am Men’s Group |
| 25 9:30 am Worship Service <i>God’s Work Our Hands Sunday/</i> <i>Quilt Sunday</i> 10:30am Fellowship 10:45 Sunday School | 26 | 27 | 28 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters 3:30-5:00pm After School Program for 4th-8th graders at the Hangout | 29 | 30 | |



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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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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!

September 1 Hannah Circle 9:00am

September 8 Friendship Club 12:00pm

September 9 & 10 Lena Fall Festival

September 12 Parkinson Support Group 1:30pm

September 13 Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center 9:45am

September 18 Bible Sunday 9:30am

September 24 Men's Group 8:30am

September 25 God's Work Our Hands Sunday 9:30am

September 25 Quilt Sunday 9:30am