

The SHEPHERD'S VOICE

October 2016

“For lo, the one who forms the mountains, creates the wind, reveals his thoughts to mortals, makes the morning darkness, and treads on the heights of the earth—the Lord, the God of hosts, is his name!” (Amos 4:3)

Greetings. My name is Miho (pronounced MEE HO) Yasukawa, I am the new pastor at Good Shepherd. This is my first call, and I started on September 1st. This is my first time in Northwest Illinois, and this is a beautiful part of Illinois. Everything is new to me, and every day I am learning something new. I am thankful for your support, help, patience, and loving care. Thank you.

The church is a place filled with surprises. Unexpected things happen all the time. A recent surprise came from our confirmation youth. We were working on our faith statements, picking favorite Bible verses or stories and sharing why we liked them. Some already had ideas about their favorites, and others were still looking for a favorite verse or story. One night we were helping each other find Bible verses for those who were still searching. While flipping around the Bible and listening to an adult leader's favorite verse in Psalms, one youth suddenly expressed, “I like this one.” He read what he found and shared which parts struck him. Somehow the Spirit came down and was guiding this youth. Another youth raised a question about innocent suffering. It made me think about God's providence when we hear news about war, violence, natural disasters, and disease. While listening to the youth expressing their thoughts, I realized that even while we are young, we experience suffering. We know that there are ups and downs in our lives.

Some words in Amos spoke to me. Amos was a prophet from Tekoa in the southern kingdom of Judah after the ancient Hebrews had split into two kingdoms. He was “a

herdsman and a dresser of sycamore trees” (Amos 7:14) but God appointed him to speak God’s message to the northern kingdom, Israel. The book of Amos is filled with words of judgment against Israel. When we read Amos, we are surprised by the sudden appearance of a hymn of praise. In Amos 4:13 the prophet praises our God proclaiming God as the one who creates the wind, and who makes the morning darkness. Amos continued to profess that God is the one “who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night, who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out on the surface of the earth.” (Amos 5:8)

In our good days and bad days, we can be sure that God is the creator of this universe, and God’s love for this world never ends. May the love of God always surround us. Pr. Miho

Worship News

October is a month of celebrations. We have five youth who will be confirmed at Sunday worship on October 9th. Kayla Runkle, Krista Keene, Taylor Patterson, Coltin Coonts, and Braden Diddens have been journeying and learning together for the past two years, and they will affirm their baptismal promises. It is a joy for their families and friends and for our Good Shepherd family since all of us have been praying for them. Thanks be to God.

We also celebrate Reformation on October 30th. Martin Luther, a German monk, started the Reformation movement in 1517. His “discovery” of justification, that only God’s grace can save us (not our good deeds), still speaks to us in the 21st century. We hope to see you at worship (Sunday 9:30am).

Pr. Miho will be ordained on October 30th at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Sterling. The service will start at 4pm. If you are interested in going, talk to Wayne Kurth to organize a car pool.

Pr. Miho's installation at Good Shepherd will be the following Sunday, November 6th starting at 2pm.

Please come and be a part of these celebrations.

October Meetings at Good Shepherd

PIECE CORPS QUILTERS will meet Wednesday October 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th from 8:00 am to 11:30 am.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet Wednesday October 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th from 6:30pm-8:pm.

LEARNING TEAM MEETING October 3rd at 6:30pm in the Library.

HANNAH CIRCLE will meet in the Fellowship Hall on October 6th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP will meet October 10th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Speaker will be: SHANEKA COLLIER, MS—Clinical Mental Health Counselor
Topic will be: “STRESS”

HYMN SING at the Lena Living Center will be Tuesday, October 11th at 9:45 am.

CHURCH COUNCIL meets on Tuesday October 11th at 6:00 pm.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB will meet Thursday October 13th for a Potluck Dinner & Entertainment at 12:00pm.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE will meet October 17th at 6:30 pm.

GOOD SHEPHERD HOST SERVICE at Lena Living Center. October 23rd at 2:30pm.

MEN’S GROUP STEAK FRY .October 29th at 4:30 pm.

PASTOR MIHO ORDINATION October 30th at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sterling, IL at 2:00pm.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

10-03 Chase Huneke
10-04 Doug Wybourn
10-05 Vivian Hesselbacher
10-05 Jim Doyle
10-06 Beth Fahr
10-06 Cindy Fahr
10-07 Rene' Johnson
10-08 Brice Swift
10-08 Lisa Schlichting
10-09 Krista Keene
10-10 Val Ockerman
10-10 Brad Smith
10-15 Steve Wybourn
10-15 Troy Keene
10-16 Jeff Raders
10-16 Denise Winder
10-17 Dustin Drye
10-17 Leesa Kurth
10-18 Sherry Freitag
10-18 Jennifer Gile
10-22 Dennis Bergman
10-24 Greg Andrews
10-25 Taryon Cornwell
10-26 Fern Harnish
10-26 Joanne Martin
10-26 Duane Torkelson
10-26 Kyle Albrecht
10-27 Jonathan Hudik
10-27 Danielle Koning
10-28 Kurt Schlichting
10-29 Mike Meyers
10-29 Tricia Meyers
10-30 Jason Huneke
10-30 Lance Mueller

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

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Thank You

The family of Jean Wenzel would like to thank the Good Shepherd family for all the love and support shown us over the years and during this time at the loss of Mom. The church service and visitation were lovely. Thank you for all the food provided and to the luncheon ladies who went out of their way to make the meal wonderful. All is greatly appreciated! Thank you so very much!



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

Thank You!

God's work. Our hands" Sunday
September 2016
Jesus said. "As the father has sent me, I am sending you" John 20:21
Thank You to everyone that helped in anyway on Saturday the 24th and Sunday the 25th of September. It was good to serve in our community for the third year in a row, and hope to do more in the future. Thank You again for your service.
Troy Doubler



MEN'S GROUP STEAK FRY:

Saturday October 29th
starting at 4:30pm.

along with the monthly meeting.
Men of all ages are invited to attend.
Please sign up by Sunday
October 16th

September and October are Food Pantry Months



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.

New Addresses

Brianna Andrews
15-101A Koehler Dr.
Morgantown, WV 26508

Carol Wybourn
Big Meadows Nursing Home
10000 Longmoor Ave.
Savanna, IL 61074

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.

Need of a ride to church on Sunday?

Call:



Troy Doubler	369-5117
Donna Gullickson	369-4708

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 @ 369-5552



Volunteers needed for Offering Counting Sunday mornings after service if interested an able to help please call Wayne Kurth (815)291-3508 or the church office (815)369-5552

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY—NOVEMBER 6th

We will remember each “Saint” or loved one that died since November last year. A carnation will be placed on the altar in a bud vase and a family member may take it home after the service. Also, the name of each will be read during a prayer.

If you have loved ones who died in the past year and you would like them remembered in this way, please call the church office at (815)-369-5552 and leave the information.



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Volunteer Schedule for Lena Food Pantry Open 8:30 to 11:30 Saturdays Good Shepherd works the 4th Saturday of each month

October 29 2016

Karen Niemeier
Maxine Dittmar

November 26, 2016

Donna Gullickson
Karen Niemeier

December 26. 2016

Maxine Dittmar

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369-4366

Donna Gullickson

369-4780

Cell 815-541-7249

Karen Niemeier

369-2366

Cell 815-990-7520

Charmaine MaGee

369-2621

Mary Lloyd

369-4049

Work 815-599-3410

Treasurer's Report from Treasurer Jay Andrews

Incoming August 2016	\$ 8,231.17
Expenses August 2016	\$ 7,473.04
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 758.13
Income, Year to Date 2016	\$88,402.35
Expenses, Year to Date 2016	\$96,723.67
Net Income (Loss)	\$(8,321.32)

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 Miho

Highlights from September Council Meeting:

- Council discussed the absence of a custodian. Wayne will take council ideas to the property committee.
- Gutters estimates were presented. \$2,475 was the estimate from the Pearl City Seamless Gutters
- Karen Niemeier moved to accept the estimate from Pearl City Seamless Gutters for \$2,475, which will be extracted from the BMI fund. Tim Gordon seconded.
- Wayne Kurth read a letter from the synod discussing the education schedule.
- Tim Gordon motioned to accept the confirmands and Karen Niemeier seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.



Hannah Circle will meet on Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Rene' Johnson is the hostess and Bible Study leader. We continue our 3-part Bible Study **“When God Forgives the Guilty”** in the October 2016 “Gather” magazine.

Session Two:

“JESUS and the evil eye: when God blesses the undeserving” Our lesson centers on Matthew 20:1-16—the parable of the workers in the vineyard, and raises themes of blessing, generosity and envy. Jesus questions our notions of what is “fair” in our eyes and presents us with a different vision: what is “right” in God’s eyes.

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

Pastoral Visits

Would you like Pastor Miho to visit your home or would you like to set up a time to talk to Pastor, please contact the church office (815-369-5552) and/or Pr Miho (815-821-9570)

October 2016

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lena, IL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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October Worship Volunteers

October 2

Lector	Shirley Fox
Acolyte	Braden Diddens
Assisting Minister	Taylor Bastian
Worship Assistant	Vivian Hesselbacher
Communion Ushers	Paul and Shirley Fox
Communion Assistant	Marybeth Brinker, Colton Brinker
Sound System	Jay Andrews, Austin Andrews
Greeters	Denny Luke, Tena Rackow
Ushers	Paul and Shirley Fox, Gary and Cynthia Boekle
Elevator Operator	Chris Brinker

October 9

Lector	Tena Rackow
Acolyte	Hanna Brinker
Assisting Minister	Wayne Kurth
Worship Assistant	Sondra Winters
Communion Ushers	Tim Gordon, Virgil Gordon
Communion Assistant	Austin Andrews, Taylor Bastian
Sound System	Troy Doubler, Ashtyn Brinker
Greeters	Bob and Sharon Schlachter, Lee Wenzel
Ushers	Troy and Cindy Doubler, Tim Gordon, Virgil Gordon
Elevator Operator	Jean Engel

October 16

Lector	Tena Rackow
Acolyte	Kayla Runkle
Assisting Minister	Sheila Keene
Worship Assistant	Wayne Kurth
Communion Ushers	Dennis Luke, Tim Gordon
Communion Assistant	Troy and Cindy Doubler
Sound System	Austin Andrews, Braden Diddens
Greeters	Jay and Michelle Andrews, Darlene Aurand
Ushers	Bill and Jean Engel, Dennis Luke, Tim Gordon
Elevator Operator	Braden Diddens, Sue Diddens

October 23

Lector	Janis Kurth
Acolyte	Krista Keene
Assisting Minister	Austin Andrews
Worship Assistant	Dennis Luke
Communion Ushers	Jerimy and Cara Schriener
Communion Assistant	Shirley Fox, Eugene Hesselbacher
Sound System	Troy Doubler, Ashtyn Brinker
Greeters	Chris and Angie Brinker, Sheridan and Marybeth Brinker
Ushers	Jerimy and Cara Schriener, Larry Fulfs, Jim Swain
Elevator Operator	Coltin Coonts, Jerimy and Cara Schriener

October 30

Lector	Tena Rackow
Acolyte	Taylor Patterson
Assisting Minister	Wayne Kurth
Worship Assistant	Taylor Bastian
Communion Ushers	Dennis Luke, Jim Swain
Communion Assistant	Cora Hudik, Sue Diddens
Sound System	Jay Andrews, Hanna Brinker
Greeters	Gary and Cynthia Boeke, Dana Diddens, Braden Diddens
Ushers	Richard Freitag Dennis Luke, Larry Fulfs, Jim Swain
Elevator Operator	Donna Gullickson

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 Miho Yasukiawa

Church Secretary Darlene Barr

Month's Highlights!

October 6 Hannah Circle 9:00am

October 10 Parkinson Support Group 6:30pm

October 11 Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center 9:45am

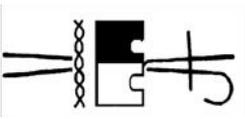
October 13 Friendship Club 12:00pm

October 23 Good Shepherd Host Service at Lena Living Center 2:30pm

October 29 Men's Group Steak Fry 4:30pm

October 30 Reformation Sunday

October 30 Pastor Miho Ordination at St. Paul Lutheran, Sterling, IL 4:00pm



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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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