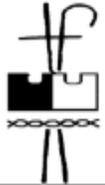


The SHEPHERD'S VOICE
November 2016

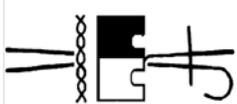


When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today. (Luke 19:5)

A church member said to me, "You do not know anything about farming, do you?" He was right. My parents were teachers (my grandfather worked in railroad company.), and I have spent most of my life in urban areas. I did not and still do not know much about life in a small town or about farming. Everyday I learn something new about Lena, pastoral ministries, and Good Shepherd families. I love to see church families at church, but I also love to see them outside the church at other places such as at their homes, schools, places of work, and even on the street.

Meeting people at their "home grounds" is a great way to get to know them. Sitting on their cozy couches, I notice that people are more relaxed at home, and pictures and decorations in the room tell stories about their lives. I enjoy their company and conversations; and I am grateful for their hospitality. Receiving one's welcome and hospitality reminds me of God's hospitality—a gracious invitation for communion with Christ.

Jesus met people where they were. He sat with them, ate with them, and listened to their stories. One day he was walking around the town while many people came up to see him on the street. Zacchaeus, who worked for the Roman Empire, wanted to see Jesus, but he could not get through the crowd of people because people viewed him as a traitor, a minion of the oppressive Roman authority. Jesus recognized him in a tree, hiding himself from others and also trying to see Jesus. Jesus called his name and told him that Jesus would like to stay at his place. Zacchaeus felt great joy.



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care and service of one another.*



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was coming to his house. The scripture account did not portray the details of this dinner fellowship, but it must have been a time of laughing, praying, and a deepening of their relationship. In the same way, I would like to meet you in your familiar and comfortable places. And Christ will be there to accompany us. May Christ enter our homes today. Pastor Miho

Worship News

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.

November 6th

Pr. Miho's installation at Good Shepherd at 2pm

November 13th

we have Pastor Kurt Nordby coming to Good Shepherd and share the good news with us. Pr. Nordby is leading the synod's stewardship study, First, We Give of Ourselves. He will share stories about giving in grace, gratitude, and generosity.

November 27th

Is the first Sunday of Advent. Church New Year starts from Advent. We will hear gospel from Matthew.

Please come and be a part of these celebrations.

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 at (815-821-9570)

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
Pastor Pastor Miho Yasukiawa
Church Secretary Darlene Barr

Month's Highlights!

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| November 3 | Hannah Circle 9:00am |
| November 6 | Pastor Miho Installation 2:00pm |
| November 8 | Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center 9:45am |
| November 9 | WELCA Board Meeting |
| November 10 | Martin Luther's Birthday |
| November 10 | Friendship Club 12:00pm |
| November 11-13 | Confirmation Retreat at LOMC |
| November 12 | Mystery Supper 5:30pm |
| November 14 | Parkinson Support Group 12:00pm |
| November 24 | Thanksgiving Day |

Hannah Circle will meet on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall. This is "Potluck" we will not have a hostess. René' Johnson is the Bible Study leader.



We conclude our 3-part Bible Study.

"When God Chooses the Unlikely" in the November 2016 "Gather" magazine.

Session Three:

"PAUL and the power of failure." Paul the successful apostle, a leader in the early church, eloquent writer of letters that became essential works of the New Testament, preacher of the Gospel who gave us "saved by grace through faith" and "the greatest of these is love" and "nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus." Paul's story, too, includes plenty of failure: a reminder that God, more that not chooses the unlikely.

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

We will collect Thank offerings at our November and December meetings.

WELCA Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 10:30am at church in Fellowship Hall.

Volunteers Needed

**For All positions at the 5:00pm and 7:30pm
Christmas Eve Services**

**If you can assist please call the church office at
815-369-5552 or**

**email at gslchurch@aeroinc.net or
GoodShepherdLena@outlook.com**

Thank You!

November Meetings at Good Shepherd

PIECE CORPS QUILTERS will meet Wednesday November 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th from 8:00 am to 11:30 am.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet Wednesday November 2nd, 16th, and 30th from 6:30pm-8:pm.

HANNAH CIRCLE will meet on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY SERVICE November 6th 9:30am

PASTOR MIHO INSTALLATION will be November 6th
at Good Shepherd at 2pm

HYMN SING at the Lena Living Center will be Tuesday, November 8th at 9:45 am.

CHURCH COUNCIL meets on Tuesday November 8th
at 6:00 pm.

WELCA BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, November 9th,
2016 at 10:30 am at church in Fellowship Hall.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB will meet Thursday November 10th for a
Potluck Dinner & Entertainment with Tyger Johnson at
12:00pm.

MYSTERY DINNER Saturday November 12th at 5:30pm.

WORSHIP SERVICE WITH PASTOR KURT NORDBY
Sunday November 13th at 9:30am

PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP will meet November 14th at
12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. for "**HOLIDAY POT LUCK**"
Bring a Dish to Pass.

DISCIPLESHIP GATHERING at Price of Peace, Freeport, IL
November 15th starting with Registration at 6:15pm.

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

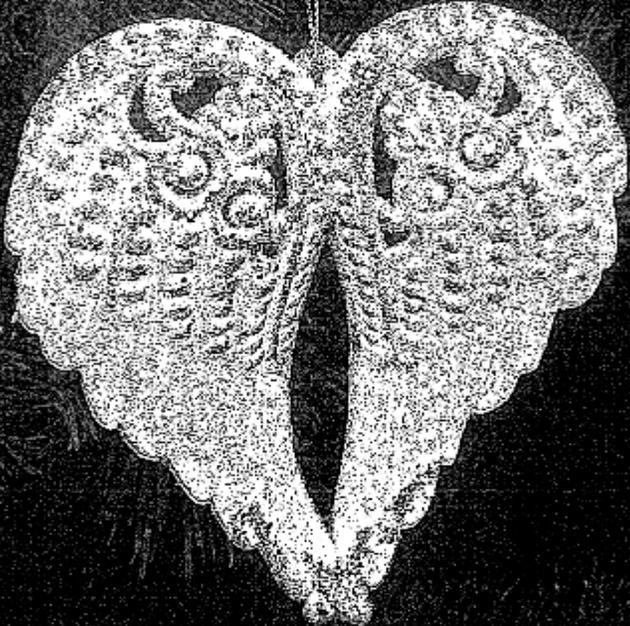
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November Birthdays

11-01 Margery Ference
11-03 Brian Albrecht
11-03 Brianna Lynn Fye
11-04 Kathy Andrews
11-04 Ashtyn Brinker
11-04 Hanna Brinker
11-06 Lorene Solace
11-06 Neal Shumaker
11-07 Amanda Raders
11-07 Cameron Baker
11-10 Martin Luther
11-13 Brian Eilders
11-15 Sarah (Huber) Andrews
11-18 Deanna Drye
11-20 Melinda Reed
11-20 Wade Flack
11-22 Leona Block
11-22 Sue Diddens
11-23 Peggy Roettger
11-28 John Huneke

Pastor Miho's Hours

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| Monday | 1:00pm-3:00pm |
| Tuesday | 10:00am-2:00pm |
| Wednesday | 10:00am-2:00pm |
| Thursday | (By Appointment) |
| Friday | Day Off |
| Saturday | Day Off |



**CELEBRATION
OF LIGHTS SERVICE**

Honor a Loved One
During the Christmas Season

Thursday, December 1, 2016

at 6:30 pm

United Methodist Church

2227 4th Street, Monroe, WI

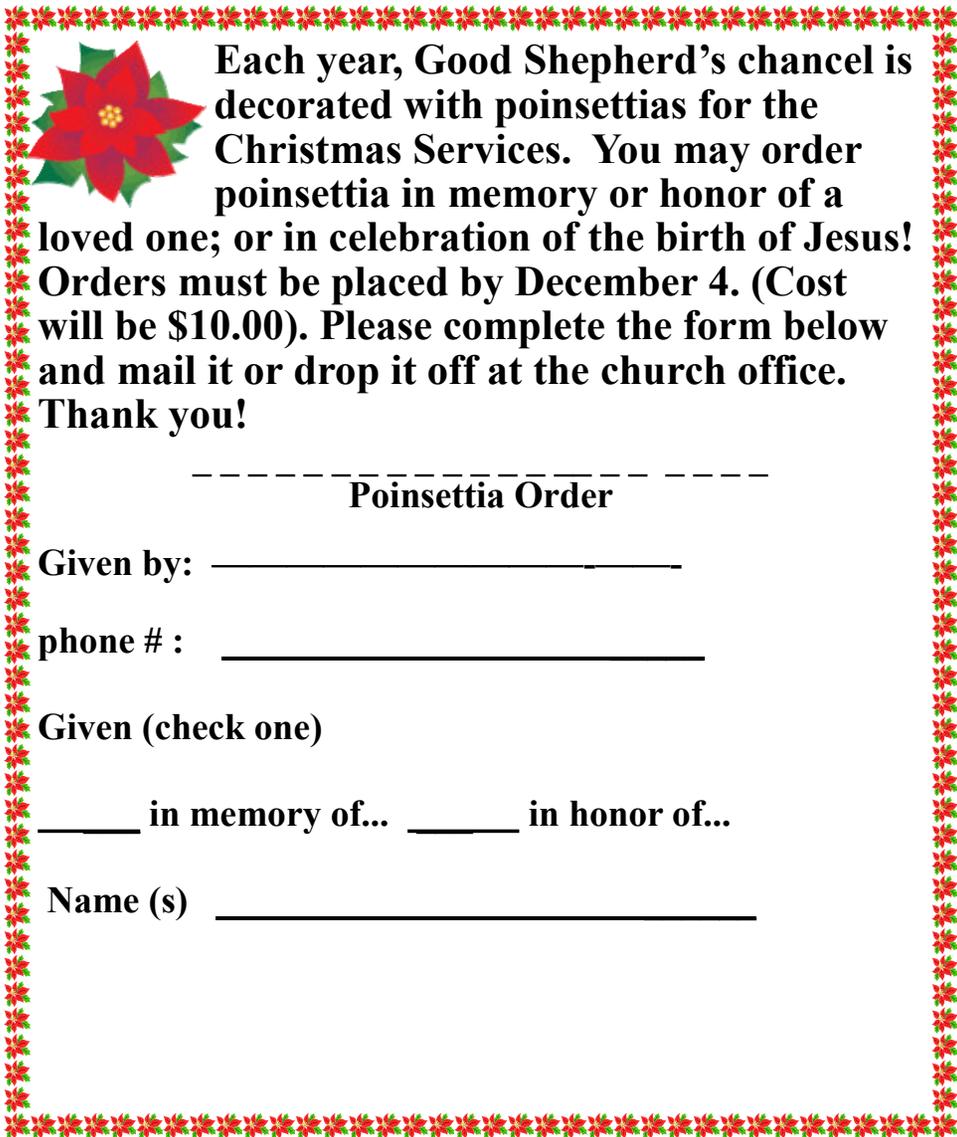
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Christmas Caroling, December 11th

Meet at the church at 2:00 pm, dress warmly, to bring the Joyful sounds of the Christmas Season to others in our community.

After Caroling, enjoy a hot bowl of soup back at Good Shepherd. Bring finger foods to share



Each year, Good Shepherd's chancel is decorated with poinsettias for the Christmas Services. You may order poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one; or in celebration of the birth of Jesus! Orders must be placed by December 4. (Cost will be \$10.00). Please complete the form below and mail it or drop it off at the church office. Thank you!

Poinsettia Order

Given by: _____

phone # : _____

Given (check one)

_____ in memory of... _____ in honor of...

Name (s) _____



Sunday School Activities



Sunday School children and youth did God's Work with their Hands on Sunday, September 25th. They and their dedicated leaders made and delivered decorations for homebound members of Good Shepherd. As an extra treat, the group sang some of their favorite songs to those they visited.

First Communion preparation for Third Graders and older will be offered on February 5, 12, and 19, with celebration on the 26th, 2017. Classes will be held during the Sunday School hour led by Marybeth Brinker.



Christmas Program at Good Shepherd Sunday December 18th 2016 at 9:30am

Join us for a festive worship service led by our children and youth as the present
"Footprints to the Manger".

The children will lead us in song and actions. There will be special music from our children and youth. We will have congregational hymns, and we will hear and see the story unfold.

Confirmation Activities

Wednesday, October 5th, Confirmation classes began. The class includes Ashtyn Brinker, Hanna Brinker, Madi Diddens, and Ethan Fye. We wish them well as they study and celebrate the Word of God with Pastor Miho and Taylor Bastian. The weekend of November 11th, they will journey to LOMC to share their first retreat together. Peder Eide will lead the program.

Sunday, October 9th, Kayla Runkle, Krista Keene, Braden Diddens, and Taylor Patterson were confirmed. We thank God for them and all who led them to publically profess their faith in God.

Lena Area Church Cooperative



November and December are exciting and busy times for the Lena Area Church Cooperative (LACC). Three of the biggest projects of the year take place during this time, the Thanksgiving food baskets, the Angel Tree and cookies for Lena Lions Operation Good Fellow. The people of Good Shepherd have given generously to these projects in years past and we hope for the same this year also!

The LACC will be giving out Thanksgiving food baskets again this year. The need is becoming greater and this year the LACC is looking at giving out 45 baskets to families and individuals in need. The drive for the Thanksgiving food baskets will begin here at Good Shepherd on Sunday, November 6th and the last day to donate is Sunday November 20th. We will be accepting monetary donations for the Thanksgiving Baskets. The LACC is able to purchase food baskets for only \$16.00 a piece from the Northern Illinois Food Bank. The food baskets have everything a family will need for a delicious Thanksgiving dinner. A table will be set up in the fellowship hall with a basket for you to leave your monetary donations in. If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Fox or Mary Lloyd.

The LACC will also be sponsoring the Angel Tree. As soon as info becomes available that will be shared in the Sunday bulletins. Stay tuned for that.



And finally the Lena Lions Club has asked the LACC to donate 200 dozen cookies for their Operation Good Fellow. Good Shepherd has been asked to donate 30 dozen cookies. A sign-up sheet will be put out later in No-

vember for you to indicate how many dozen you can donate. Cookies will be due to Good Shepherd at the end of the day, December 7th.

Monetary donations are always accepted for all projects. Checks can be made payable to the Lena Area Church Cooperative or LACC. Checks can be given to either Shirley Fox or to Mary Lloyd. If you would prefer, checks can also be mailed to the LACC, PO Box 5, Lena IL 61048.



Thank you in advance for your love and support to these very worthy causes!

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.

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



Prince of Peace will host the NI SYNOD Northwest Conference Fall Discipleship Gathering "Loving Your Neighbor" Thursday November 15th

The 2016 Gatherings will focus on loving your neighbor. Registration will begin at 6:15 pm. A light supper will be served from 6:30-7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Devotions will begin at 7 pm, followed by the program. The evening will end by 8:45 pm. Topics will include congregational leadership, the constitutional responsibilities as well as the joys and challenges of a bishop, and the election process for a bishop. Find out more at nisynod.org/gatherings



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 to the Men's group (Jay, Austin, Larry & Troy) for all the work done during the "God's Work Our Hands".

Am so grateful for all the hard work you all put in.

Thank you, Caroline Jam



Get your thinking caps on!

November 12 will be a fun filled evening of deciphering clues as to what is on the Mystery Supper Menu this year. The supper will be a three course meal with appetizer, main dish, and dessert. The fun will start at 5:30 pm with the selection of your meal for the evening. Come and enjoy the adventure and fun. Sign up by November 3 so that supplies may be purchased. A good will donation will be taken to cover cost of the meal Everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun and laughs as we enjoy a good meal. Questions; contact Janis Kurth

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, [Jesus] looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled. (Mark 6:41-42)

You Are Cordially Invited To
The Ordination and Installation
of
Miho Yasukawa

Ordination Service

Sunday October 30th 2016

Starting at 4:00pm

St. Paul Lutheran Church

1701 16th Ave. Sterling, IL

*Zach Baer is also ordained in the service.

*Refreshments after the service.

Installation Service

Sunday November 6th 2016

Starting At 2:00pm

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

118 E Mason St, Lena, IL

*only street parking available

*Refreshments after the service.

Please Come and Celebrate with Us.



Reformation 500th Celebration

Do you know when the reformation movement started? Martin Luther's posting the 95th theses on October 31, 1517 is the beginning of the Reformation. 2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Lutheran churches from all over the world

will remember the spirit of Luther and reflect what it means to be always reforming the church. What does it mean to be a Lutheran? What distinguish Lutheranism from other denominations? We will talk more about our Lutheran identity in the coming year.

Words from Martin Luther

“We cannot say “My God and my King’ unless we regard God with the eyes of faith, not only as a God, not only as a King, but as *our* God and *our* King, as the God and King of our salvation. Neither is it possible to recognize the ways and works of God in the absence of that faith. Faith renders Him my God and my King, and brings me to a realization that all my works are, after all, not mine but Gods.”

From “Commentary on Psalm 68” (1521) *Luther's Works*
Vol. 13. P25-6

Treasurer’s Report from Treasurer Jay Andrews

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| Incoming September 2016 | \$ 8,042.50 |
| Expenses September 2016 | \$ 9,504.16 |
| Net Income (Loss) | \$(1,461.66) |
| Income, Year to Date 2016 | \$96,444.85 |
| Expenses, Year to Date 2016 | \$106,227.83 |
| Net Income (Loss) | \$(9,782.98) |

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 October Council Meeting:

- Council discussed Pastor Mihos insurance policy. The "Gold Plus" is recommended by the synod.
- Troy Doubler moved to accept Pastor Miho's "Gold Plus" insurance plan and Karen Niemeier seconded.

New Address



Leland is putting his lawn mower in storage and moving to Oakley Courts!

Please stop by and visit him, give him a call or drop him a note! He would love to hear from you!

Lee Wenzel
Oakley Courts - Apt 114
3117 Kunkle Blvd
Freeport, IL 61032
Cell - 815-238-4463

November 2016

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lena, IL

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 2 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters 3:30-5:00pm After School Program for 4th-8th graders at the Hangout 6:30pm-8:00pm Confirmation Class | 3 9:00am Hannah Circle Potluck/Bible Study in Fellowship Hall 10:00am-2:00pm Pastor Miho at First Call Theological Education | 4 | 5 |
| | | | | | <i>Remember Set Your Clocks Back Daylight Saving Time Ends</i> | |
| 6 All Saints Sunday 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Sunday School 2:00 pm Installation for Pastor Miho | 7 | 8 9:45am Hymn Sing at the Lena Living Center 6:00pm Council Meeting | 9 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters 10:30 pm WELCA Board Meeting 3:30-5:00 pm After School Program for 4th-8th graders at the Hangout <i>Pastor Miho at NW Conference meeting at Trinity Lutheran in Durand</i> | 10 12:00pm Friendship Club Potluck/Entertainment/Tyger Johnson | 11 | 12 5:30pm Mystery Dinner |
| | | | | | Confirmation Retreat with Peder Eide at LOMC Friday –Sunday | |
| 13 9:30am Worship Service with Pastor Kurt Nordby 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Sunday School 11:00am Choir Practice 5:00pm Chime Practice | 14 12:00pm Parkinson Support Group <i>"Holiday Potluck"</i> | 15 6:15 pm Discipleship gathering at Prince of Peace, Freeport, IL | 16 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters 3:30-5:00pm After School Program for 4th-8th graders at the Hangout 6:30pm-8:00pm Confirmation Class | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Christ the King Sunday 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Sunday School 11:00am Choir Practice 5:00pm Chime Practice | 21 | 22 | 23 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters 3:30-5:00pm | 24 THANKSGIVING DAY | 25 | 26 |
| 27 First Sunday of Advent 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Sunday School 11:00am Choir Practice 5:00pm Chime Practice | 28 | 29 | 30 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters 3:30-5:00pm After School Program for 4th-8th graders at the Hangout 6:30pm-8:00pm Confirmation Class | | | |
| | | | | November Communion Set-up/Clean up Helen & Claire Cross | | |

November Worship Volunteers

November 6

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| Lector | Dennis Luke |
| Acolyte | Taylor Bastian |
| Assisting Minister | Dennis Luke |
| Worship Assistant | Dennis Luke |
| Communion Ushers | Troy and Cindy Doubler |
| Communion Assistant | Sheila Keene, Colton Brinker |
| Sound System | Wayne Kurth, Taylor Bastian |
| Greeters | Bill and Jean Engel, Paul and Shirley Fox |
| Ushers | Troy and Cindy Doubler, Bill and Jean Engel |
| Elevator Operator | Willie Kayser |

November 13

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| Lector | Larry Fulf |
| Acolyte | Madilyn Diddens |
| Assisting Minister | Wayne Kurth |
| Worship Assistant | Shirley Fox |
| Communion Ushers | Bill and Jean Engel |
| Communion Assistant | Beth Martin, Dennis Luke |
| Sound System | Austin Andrews, Ashtyn Brinker |
| Greeters | Curt and Sue Diddens, Eugene and Vivian Hesselbacher |
| Ushers | Bill and Jean Engel, Tim Gordon, Virgil Gordon |
| Elevator Operator | Troy Keene, Krista Keene |

November 20

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| Lector | Sue Diddens |
| Acolyte | Taylor Patterson |
| Assisting Minister | Sheila Keene |
| Worship Assistant | Sondra Winters |
| Communion Ushers | Virgil and Joanne Martin |
| Communion Assistant | Tena Rackow, Austin Andrews |
| Sound System | Troy Doubler, Braden Diddens |
| Greeters | Denny Luke, Willie Kayser |
| Ushers | Paul and Shirley Fox, Virgil and Joanne Martin |
| Elevator Operator | Taylor Patterson, Kristy Patterson |

November 27

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| Lector | Sue Diddens |
| Acolyte | Ethan Fye |
| Assisting Minister | Dennis Luke |
| Worship Assistant | Sue Diddens |
| Communion Ushers | Chris and Angie Brinker |
| Communion Assistant | Jay Andrews, Michelle Andrews |
| Sound System | Wayne Kurth, Hanna Brinker |
| Greeters | Troy, Sheila and Krista Keene, Troy and Cindy Doubler |
| Ushers | Chris and Angie Brinker, Troy Keene, Krista Keene |
| Elevator Operator | Taylor Bastian |

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