

The SHEPHERD'S VOICE

June 2017

[Jesus] said to them, "Come and see."

They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. (John 1:39)

Recently I noticed the importance of invitations. A church member told me that she came to the Friendship Club (held at Good Shepherd every 2nd Thursday of the month featuring a potluck luncheon and entertainment) because her former co-worker invited her to come. It is fascinating to realize that one phone call could make a difference. At the WELCA's Mother/Daughter/Sister/Friend potluck dinner, I heard that some members extended personal invitations to the dinner because it would be fun. (It was really fun. I had a good time.) Simple words like "I hope you can come." make a difference.

In fact one invitation totally changed my life. When I was in junior high school, my English conversation teacher at school who was a missionary from Minnesota invited her students to come for an English Bible Study which she was leading at a Lutheran church in town. I received the invitation, and I went to the church. A few years later I was baptized and became a member of that church.

An invitation matters. A personal invitation makes us feel welcomed and encourages us to go and see whatever we are invited to. As you remember, Jesus invited many people—fishermen, tax collectors, unclean ones, marginalized ones, common people, religious leaders, children, foreigners, intellectuals, extroverts, and introverts (to name a few) to experience the coming of God's Kingdom among them. Some accepted the invitation and went to hear and taste the good news, which led them to become followers of Jesus.

We send out our invitations because we would like others to experience things which we enjoy or cherish like weddings, parties, and open houses. We invite other to share joys and passions in our lives. In the same way, Jesus invites us to experience God's grace through worship, quilting, eating and drinking, and sharing life together. I thank God for you.

Pr. Miho

Words from Marin Luther

Music is one of the loveliest and most glorious gifts of God. Satan hates it because it has great power to dispel temptations and evil thoughts. The devil does not wait on this lady. Music is one of the finest arts. The music makes the words live. It drives away the spirit of sadness, as is seen in the story of King Saul. Music is the best balm for a sad heart, for it restore contentment and quickens and refreshes the heart. Music is a glorious gift of God, very much like theology. I would not part with my little gifts of music for anything in the world. We ought to teach the young this art, for it makes fine and clever people. "Preface to the Babst Hymnal"

Worship News

Pentecost Sunday	June 4th
Holy Trinity Sunday	June 11th
Mission Trip Sunday	June 25

June Meetings at Good Shepherd

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

HANNAH CIRCLE will meet June 1st at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

LEARNING COMMITTEE will meet Sunday June 4th at 11:00

FRIENDSHIP CLUB will meet Thursday June 8th for a Potluck Dinner & entertainment with *“Mississippi Man”*

PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP will meet June 12th at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall with guest speaker Mark Podemski, from Comfort Keepers topic will be “Services provided by Comfort Keepers” “Grand Pad”

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

CHURCH COUNCIL meets on Tuesday June 13th at 6:30pm

MEN’S GROUP MEETING Saturday June 24th at 4:30pm

GOOD SHEPHERD at Lena Food Pantry Saturday June 24th

“Save the Dates”

July 16th. Good Shepherd's Anniversary Sunday
August 6th Worship Service and Picnic
In the Park

*Happy
Birthday!*

June Birthdays

06/02 Aaron Smith
06/03 Jay Andrews
06/05 Marion Fahr
06/06 Jerry Cross
06/06 Kevin Huttenlocher
06/06 Madilyn Diddens
06/09 Sarah Andrews
06/10 Sue Holtz
06/10 Tammy Baldauf
06/10 Jase Baldauf
06/12 Robin Cross
06/14 Seth Cory
06/14 Autumn Ockerman
06/19 Corey Wybourn
06/20 Darlene Aurand
06/20 Karen Niemeier
06/20 Gary Boeke
06/21 Sue Kraft
06/25 Deb Mammoser
06/25 Kelsey Albrecht
06/25 Jessica Koning
06/29 Kelly Derr
06/29 Jacob Runkle
06/29 Jared Runkle
06/29 Darci Meier
06/29 Katie Jo Huber
06/30 Lee Wenzel

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



Let us pray.

Prayer is essential for our lives. Through prayer we communicate with God. We lift up our joys and concerns to God. At Good Shepherd, we have several prayer opportunities. One is the Prayer Chain. If you have specific prayer requests (ex. surgery, an accident, one is dying), you may call the church office or Vivian Hesselbacher to start the prayer chain. The members of the prayer chain will pray individually and then pass the prayer on to the next person in the chain. Another prayer opportunity is to add a prayer to the prayers of intercession at Sunday worship. You may call the church or write down your prayer request on the prayer request sheet in the sanctuary. We usually keep the prayer petition for four weeks unless the office receives a request to keep the prayer on the list for another four weeks or to remove the prayer from the list.

Your prayer requests can be submitted in various ways. You may give us names (first name only or first and last names of the person) or you may ask for a general prayer (such as praying for those who are going through chemotherapy). If you would like to give a name, please ask the person for permission; sometimes people do not want their names to be listed. Praying is a vital part of being disciples of Jesus. As the Bible says, “Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.” (Ephesians 6:18) Let us grow in the Spirit through prayer.

**We lift up the following loved ones in assisted-living facilities/
nursing homes, homebound, etc. in prayer:**

Verl Price, Steve Fahr, Lois Paulsen, Laura Derr, Carol Wybourn,
Fern Harnish. 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)*



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Assembly 2017
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Are collecting Gift Cards
and Smoke/Carbon Monox-

ide Detectors for foster care services in Illinois. Please bring
your donations of a new smoke/carbon monoxide detectors and/
or gift cards to the church to help LSSI Care for the children of
the Northern IL Synod by June 4th 2017.

If you are interested in purchasing a detector you may contact
Wayne Kurth at (815)291-3508 as he will be ordering detectors
through Brandon's Hardware. See Bulletin Board for suggested
gift cards and gift card items.

Need of a ride to church on Sunday?

Call:

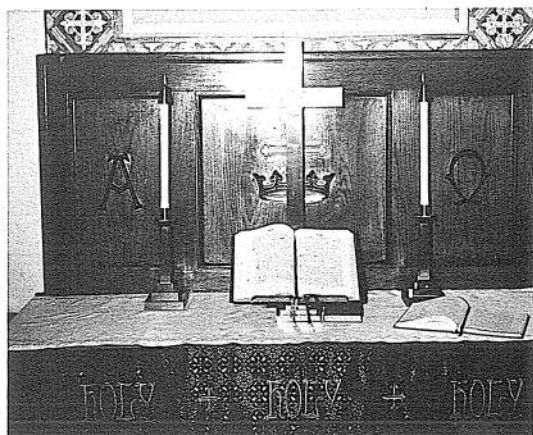


Troy Doubler 369-5117
Donna Gullickson 369-4708

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



TO FORM A NEW BODY OF CHRIST IN GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH



Even as we are all one body in Christ and members one of another, so we worship and work for Christ in a unity that will give glory to God and honor to our fellowman.

On February 27th, a congregational meeting was held for both Amity and Immanuel at which time the vote was cast in favor of forming the new congregation. The next day the vote was recorded at the county courthouse in Freeport, Illinois.

The first Sunday in March was the scene of the last services of each congregation as Amity and Immanuel Lutheran Churches. On March 13th, services were held to live together in the fullness of Christ. We serve the Lord now as a new congregation and need to give of ourselves in a sacrificial way to see that the Lord's work will be done in and through us.

We pray God's blessing upon the Rev. Richard Bailey, who led in the forming of our new congregation and pray God's guidance and help to the Rev. Allan E. Juenger, our first Pastor at Good Shepherd.

We direct the work here - with the help of God.



Roger Miller
Robert Bruce
Wieland Kayser

Wilbur Lapp
Carl Block, Jr.
Norman Harris

Daylon Price
Walter Diestelmeier
Larry Huneke

Orie Parkinson
Harold Bergman
Sheldon Werkheiser

WE PRAISE THE LORD IN SONG



ORGANISTS

Mrs. Clarence Bourgo, Mrs. Karl Kayser, Mrs. Waldo Huneke, Miss Barbara Watson



CHOIR DIRECTORS



LUTHER LEAGUE OFFICERS

James Watson, President; John Nielsen, Vice-President; Kirsten Nielsen, Secretary; Steven Thomas, Treasurer



SENIOR CHOIR



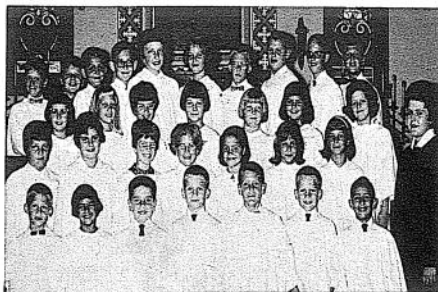
YOUTH CHOIR



JUNIOR CHOIR

All talents He has given to me
 If only I open my eyes and see.
 "Use them to My Glory and honor of men,"
 Doth echo in a heart of faith - what do I intend.
 To serve selfish lusts and reach for fame
 Can set any a man's desires and wants aflame.
 But serve the Lord and all mankind
 Means sacrifice of time and a humble mind.
 Yet as Christ gave in love to me
 Should I not be free - to see
 That what I have - gift of Love.
 Should be shared - for Him above.

A.E.J.



CHERUB CHOIR



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!

Colton Brinker son of Chris and Angie Brinker graduated from Lena-Winslow High School. Colton was involved in the National Honors Society, Student Council, Theatre and Chorus. Colton received the Rockford Register Star Young Americans Award for 215 community service hours. Colton will be continuing his education at Augustana College to pursue a degree in Pre-Medicine to become a Humanitarian Physician.

Sondra Winters daughter of Darla Cornwell and Grant Winters graduated from Lena-Winslow High School. Sondra received special recognition for The American Legion Auxiliary at Illini Girl State. Sondra plans to attend Highland Community College then transfer to a four Year university. Sondra's interest are working with children, anatomy and physiology/ biology. After graduation she plans to work as a pediatric oncology nurse and will double major in nursing and psychology .

Larynn McKenzie Shumaker daughter of Neal and Cynthia Shumaker is graduating from A.T. University Mesa, Arizona with a Masters Degree in Athletic Training on August 4, 2017. One of Larynn research papers was selected to be presented at the National Athletic Trainers Conference in Baltimore, MD. While at A.T. Still Larynn has been the head Athletic Trainer at Chandler Prep. Academy.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB CELEBRATES 58 YEARS!

In October of 1959, Pastor Armin Weng, then pastor of Amity Lutheran Church (the present Good Shepherd Lutheran Church) helped to organize Lena Friendship Club, a non-denominational group of senior citizens. The club has continued to meet monthly for the past 58 years to share a meal and fellowship and to enjoy entertainment. The club's purpose is just what the name implies—friendship. Church membership is not required and attendance is not taken. There is usually a luncheon meeting of the share-a-dish variety. All birthdays and anniversaries are remembered by this group when they meet. There are no dues but a free will offering is taken at each meeting to defray costs of entertainers and speakers. Each year they give a monetary gift to Good Shepherd for use of the church and its facilities. They also contribute a \$10 memorial at the death of a member. In the earlier years, the group took fieldtrips. Each Thanksgiving, they enjoyed a catered meal with turkey and all the trimmings. Entertainment usually consists of local people who provide musical programs, travelogues, presentations of hobbies, and guest speakers. Average attendance was 50-60 people. Edna Miller, a member of Amity Church, held the position of program coordinator for more than 40 years. When Edna could no longer serve, Fern Harnish took over this position and served as program coordinator for the past 15 years. Arie Masters served 29 years as secretary-treasurer. Ruth Watson, a member of Good Shepherd, also served many years as secretary-treasurer. We hope that this outreach program of Good Shepherd can continue to serve the Lena community for another 50 years.



THANK YOU TO OUR
SUNDAY SCHOOL
TEACHERS



and

VOLUNTEERS!

Who have graciously given their
time to this very important
ministry.

Sheila Keene

Kelly Geiseman

Angie Brinker

Kristy Patterson

Coralyn Hudik

Marybeth Brinker

Confirmation

Pastor Miho

Taylor Bastian

Music

Tena Rackow,

Sue Diddens

Substitutes

Michelle Andrews

Billie Jo Runkle




Adventures of the Treasure Seekers

VBS July 17th thru July 20th

to be shared by Lena Methodist Church
and Beloved Church.

VBS volunteers are needed. If you are interested please
contact the church office at (815)369-5552
more information will be forthcoming.

Volunteer for the Hymn Sing



Kids, looking for something fun, relaxing
and rewarding to do this summer? Why
not join your friends from Good Shepherd
on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at
9:45am at the Lena Living Center for a

Hymn Sing. It is a great chance to serve others by
helping them find their page numbers, to encourage
others, and to sing praises to God! All youth, family,
and friends are invited and welcome to join in this fun,
relaxing, and rewarding sing along. June 13th at
9:45am at the Lena Living Center.



*Joyce Tessendorf, Ellen Kyles, Beth Martin,
Donna Gullickson, Joanne Martin, Cindy
Doubler, Darlene Aurand, Kelsey Albrecht, Vivi-
an Hesselbacher and Shirley Fox for helping
with the May Newsletter*

Council Members for 2017

Dennis Luke—President Coralyn Hudik—Vice President Secretary—Darci Meier, Youth Representative—Krista Keene Council Members: Karen Niemeier, Tim Gordon, Troy Keene, Troy Doubler, Eugene Hesselbacher, Kristy Patterson, Pastor Miho

Highlights from May Council Meetings

- Two high school graduates, Colton Brinker and Sandra Winters, were given \$750 scholarships that may be redeemed following the first semester of college with proof of acceptable grades. Their high school accomplishments and plans for the future will be published in the June newsletter.
- The Property Committee will meet immediately after the Congregational Meeting May 21 to discuss the roof replacement project. Funding for the project must be approved by the congregation via a vote.
- Tim Gordon reported on the 160th Anniversary Committee. At this time, several pastors have indicated they will be able to attend. Two banners are ready for display.
- Good Shepherd Website has experienced a few problems and they will be looked into for correction.
- On behalf of Men's Ministry, Troy Doubler said \$500 has been received thus far for donated electronic tubes which are being resold.
- Pastor Miho reviewed publications where the church is being advertised or included in listings. At this time, all exposure has been free of charge. She will bring further discussion to the June meeting.

Complete copy of minutes will be posted on bulletin board

Treasurer's Report from Treasurer Jay Andrews

Incoming April 2017	\$13,161.92
Expenses April 2017	\$12,421.58
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 740.34
Income, Year to Date 2017	\$54,898.26
Expenses, Year to Date 2017	\$44,601.73
Net Income (Loss)	\$10,296.53

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped with the Women's Mother/Daughter sister Friend Potluck Supper on May 2, 2017.



Our Free-will offering raised \$189.00 for supplies for the Pine Ridge Mission Trip. Thank you to the Men's group-Troy Doubler, Wayne Kurth, Jay Andrews, Larry Fulfs, Austin Andrews and Troy Keene-for serving and kitchen duty. Anna and Kristy Patterson for our welcome message and prayer. Brenda Larson and Jenny Johnson for calling Bingo and their humor. Darlene Barr for printed advertising, forms and reservations. Sheila Keene and Ellen Kyle for prizes. As you can see, it takes a lot of people, and each year we, of Hannah Circle, realize we need all the help you give us to carry on one of our annual events. Thank You!

Hannah Circle will meet on Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 9:00am at church in the Fellowship Hall. Rene Johnson is hostess and bible Study leader.

We begin a new summer Bible Study: "All Anew, Ready or Not" by Kelly Fryer in the June issue of "Gather Magazine".

In Session One – "Say Goodbye to Nice" we look at how "Niceness" can sometimes get in the way of "doing good" in our lives and within our faith community.

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

This is a perfect time to check us out. There is no age requirement or expertise test in all things Bible or Lutheran. We read scripture and look at how our life and experiences relate to God's Word. We take that walk with Jesus and tell Him what's on our mind and in our hearts – our hopes, fears, and concerns – and then listen for Him to show us the way. Come and see what goes on in a women's bible study; the thought that comes to mind is: "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry..." (WOV – song 770). As the say, "Try It, You Might Like It." Would that be so horrible?

June 2017 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lena

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #cccccc;"> June Communion Set-up/Clean up Wayne and Janis Kurth </div>					1 9:00am Hanna Circle	2	3
4 Pentecost Sunday 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship <i>"Special Music" Men's Choir</i> 11:00am Learning Committee Meeting	5	6 6:30pm Stewardship Committee Meeting	7 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters	8 12:00 pm Friendship Club Potluck/ Mississippi Man	9	10	
11 Holy Trinity Sunday 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship <i>"Special Music" Ruter Ministries</i>	12 1:30pm Parkinson Support Group	13 9:45am Hymn Sing at the Lena Living Center 6:30pm Council Meeting	14 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters	15	16	17	
				<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #cccccc;"> Northern Illinois Youth Assembly </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #cccccc;"> Northern Illinois Synod Assembly </div>	
18 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship <i>"Special Music" Tyger Johnson</i>	19	20 10:00am-11:00am Pastor Miho at NW Reformation 500 Meet- ing at St John's Pearl City, IL	21 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters	22 12:30am Good Shepherd at Friend- ship Center Devotions & Dessert	23	24 Good Shepherd at Lena Food Pantry 4:30pm Men's Group	
25 9:30 am Worship Service Mission Trip Sunday 10:30am Fellowship <i>"Special Music" Krista Keene</i>	26	27	28 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters	29	30		

June Worship Volunteers

June 4

Lector	Wayne Kurth
Acolyte	Ethan Fye
Assisting Minister	Austin Andrews
Worship Assistant	Taylor Bastian
Communion Ushers	Troy Keene, Krista Keene
Communion Assistant	Wayne Kurth, Tena Rackow
Sound System	Jay Andrews, Hanna Brinker
Greeters	Troy and Cindy Doubler, Paul and Shirley Fox
Ushers	Troy Keene, Krista Keene, Gene and Vivian Hesselbacher
Elevator Operator	Taylor Patterson, Kristy Patterson

June 11

Lector	Tena Rackow
Acolyte	Taylor Patterson
Assisting Minister	Jay Andrews
Worship Assistant	Sheila Keene
Communion Ushers	Jerry and Beth Martin
Communion Assistant	Troy and Cindy Doubler
Sound System	Austin Andrews, Taylor Bastian
Greeters	Gene and Vivian Hesselbacher, Willie Kayser
Ushers	Gene and Vivian Hesselbacher, Jerry and Beth Martin
Elevator Operator	Chris Brinker

June 18

Lector	Karen Niemeier
Acolyte	Hanna Brinker
Assisting Minister	Taylor Bastian
Worship Assistant	Marybeth Brinker
Communion Ushers	Troy Keene, Krista Keene
Communion Assistant	Jay and Michelle Andrews
Sound System	Troy Doubler, Ashtyn Brinker
Greeters	Troy, Sheila and Krsta Keene, Wayne and Janis Kurth
Ushers	Troy Keene, Krista Keene , Virgil Gordon, Tim Gordon
Elevator Operator	Tena Rackow

June 25

Lector	Tena Rackow
Acolyte	Ashtyn Brinker
Assisting Minister	Sheila Keene
Worship Assistant	Sue Diddens
Communion Ushers	Virgil Gordon, Tim Gordon
Sound System	Wayne Kurth, Braden Diddens
Greeters	Dennis Luke, Jerry and Beth Martin
Ushers	Virgil Gordon, Tim Gordon, Austin Andrews, Andrew Martin
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 /or 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

CHURCH OFFICE 815-369-5552

Pastor Pastor Miho Yasukawa

Church Secretary Darlene Barr

Month's Highlights!

June 1 Hannah Circle 9:00am

June 4 Pentecost Sunday

June 8 Friendship Club/Potluck 12:00pm

June 11 Holy Trinity Sunday

June 12 Parkinson Support Group 1:30PM

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

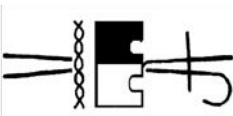
June 22 Good Shepherd Devotions & Dessert at Friendship Center 12:30pm

June 24 Good Shepherd at Lena Food Pantry

June 24 Men's Group Meeting 4:30pm

June 25 Mission Trip Sunday

**NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE for July 2017
Newsletter is June 15th, 2017 .
Thank You!**



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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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