

The SHEPHERD'S VOICE

September 2017

“Fall is coming. Fall officially won't start until the fall equinox (This year it's on September 22.), but it already feels like fall. Students are back in school, and football is about to start. I am seeing more squash at the Farmer's Market, and now I need a fleece jacket in the mornings and evenings. I hate to say that summer is over.

In Japan fall is a time of celebration. Many towns have harvest festivals, and we observe the harvest moon with special sweets. People like to take hikes to see the leaves changing color. Rice fields turn golden with rice ready for harvest. Fall is a time of transition: reaping the harvest and preparing for winter.

This fall we mark the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation movement. We Lutherans around the globe learn and celebrate our heritage that we are sinners but by the grace of God we are forgiven and saved through faith in Jesus Christ. I like the Lutheran expression of salvation because God come to us regardless of where we are in our walks in life.

To commemorate 500 years of the reformation movement there will be special words and prayers in our worship. In September we will use the Thanksgiving for baptism at the beginning of worship to remember our baptism. We have two youth who will be affirming their baptism on September 17th. God had made us new in our baptism and continues to make us new every day. Thanks be to God.

Pr. Miho

Words from Martin Luther

A Christian is a completely free of all, subject to none. A Christian is a completely dutiful servant of all, subject to all.
From On Christian Freedom

Glory Be

Catch the closing comments of summer, the opening lines of fall
Such stories they both have to tell.

Picnics and backyard barbecues give way to county fairs and hay rides,
Sweet ears of golden corn rest next to pickled peppers and ripe
tomatoes.

Sunflowers drop their welcome seeds to bustling birds,
And caterpillars wiggle up drying canopies in fragrant fields.

Flowers give their last hurrahs,

Geese begin to practice southern sky formations

And pinecones begin to poke through evergreen limbs.

Silent sailing on a lake replaces swimming in her waters,

Kites become footballs and baseballs grow into basketballs,

Apples pile high in buckets that used to hold peaches,

And grapes fill jelly jars instead of hanging on clustered vines.

Children change vacation tees for school sweaters,

Parents search for crayons and rulers;

Lists are checked for pencils and protractors.

Teachers cover bulletin boards with inviting antics and wise words,

Meetings are scheduled and dates posted on nearly filled calendars.

But, last rides in convertibles are still as sweet

And sitting in the sun is still warm and wonderful;

Days are growing shorter, and nights take on a chilling edge,

But so much is still left to do

And far more will carry on

So, celebrate summer.

Ease into the festival of fall

Tomorrow is another day waiting in the wings,

A day to catch and release with thankfulness and wonder,

A day to live, a day to marvel.

Glory be to the Heavens that sent it our way,

To His angels that watch over us

And to the God who makes it all so!

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September Meetings at Good Shepherd

PIECE CORPS QUILTERS will meet Wednesday September, 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet Wednesday September, 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th from 6:30-8:00.

STEWARSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING September 5th at 6:30pm

HANNAH CIRCLE will meet Thursday September 7th at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP will meet Monday September 11th at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall with guest speaker Stephanie Snider Physical Therapist from FHN topic will be "Exercise for those with Parkinson's & Big & Loud Program.."

HYMN SING at the Lena Living Center will be Tuesday, September 12th at 9:45am.

CHURCH COUNCIL meets on Tuesday September 12th at 6:30pm.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB will meet Thursday September 14th at noon for a Potluck Dinner & entertainment with "**Sandy Sweitzer.**"

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY September 17th 9:30 Worship Service.

MEN'S GROUP MEETING Saturday September 23rd at 8:30am.

GOOD SHEPHERD at Lena Food Pantry Saturday September 23rd..

"GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS." Sunday will be Sunday, Sept. 24th.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING September 25th at 5:00pm



The After School Program for 4th through 8th grades .

Program Committee is looking for volunteers if you are interested in volunteering for the After School Program please call the church office or Pastor Miho.

Happy Birthday!

September Birthdays

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
09-27 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 so that we may update our records!



September & 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.

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: 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.



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



Lena Fall Festival is Coming Soon September 8th & 9th 2017

A float will be put together for the parade if interested in helping to put this float together please contact Tim Gordon at 815-766-1147.

Good Shepherd Hospitality Tent will be open Friday evening and Saturday after the parade a Sign-up sheet for the Hospitality Tent will be posted on the board in the hall, times are (1) hour at a time.

All are invited to our Annual Wine and Cheese Evening

*September 16th at Donna Gullickson 's Home
Please bring your favorite wine, pop or lemon aid
as well as some cheese or other finger foods.
The fun and fellowship will begin at 6:30pm.
Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the evening.*



Summer Picnic



Good Company

Good time



Good Food

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:

**Please return this form to the church office by
September 10, 2017**

Get ready to serve!
“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday
Sunday, Sept. 24th, 2017

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 24th. 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

The men’s group will be doing several projects for God’s Work Our Hands” starting at 8:30am on Saturday the 23rd.

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

If you are interested in volunteering or have questions on “God’s work. Our hands” Sunday contact Troy Doubler or Wayne Kurth



SUNDAY OCTOBER 1ST!

Rally Day

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 October 1st**. If you are in 3rd grade and older and do not have a Bible, contact the church office at 815-369-5552.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

"This is my body and blood which seals God's promise, that your sins are forgiven." Matthew 26:27 - 29

Who: Any child whose parents feel she or he is ready to receive this Gift from God.

When: Sundays, October 8, 15, & 22 during the Sunday School Hour

Celebration on Sunday, October 29 during Worship.

Reception following in Fellowship Hall.

Why: To learn about God's promise of forgiveness for ALL!

How: Listening, sharing, drawing, and making a banner. Please bring your Bible, if you have one.

If interested, please call the Church Office at 815-369-5552 or Marybeth Brinker at 815-369-2501 BEFORE September 10th.



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

*Thank
You*

Thank You from Joyce Tessendorf's family

Thank you to everyone who brought food for Mom's funeral luncheon. Thank you for all the kindness that her church family showed her over the years. She really appreciated the help everyone gave her: bringing her coffee and a treat on Sunday mornings, helping her carry things, talking sports, donating to the sewing group, and funeral luncheons, caroling to her at Christmas time or spending time to visit.

Thank you from all of Mom's family.

Beth & Jerry Martin

Tim & Cindy Tessendorf

Duane & Genise Tessendorf

Paul & Pat Tessendorf



Take a look at our new roof over the Sanctuary. It looks really good and it matches the roof over the Education Wing. The Property Committee and the Church Council want to thank everyone that contributed to the Roof Fund. With all of your help and using some of our Interest Funds we have completed this project.

Enhancements to our Church and Church repairs have been in the planning stages for some time. We are excited that the roof is fixed. We look forward to other projects that will be upcoming in the near future. Keep your eyes and ears open to see what is planned next. Again, Thank You, for your support.

God's Blessings to All,
Denny Luke, Council President



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Scholarship Committee,
Thank You so much for continuing to give students the opportunity to receive scholarships over the years. Personally I cannot thank you enough for always accepting me and watching me grow over the years. I have no doubt that the scholarship will help better my education.

Sondra Winters

Highlights from August Council Meetings

- Jay Andrews presented the Treasurers Report with July electric bill of \$203.01 and gas bill of \$113.89. Karen Niemeier motioned to approve the report and Krista Keene seconded. All approved
- Pastor's Report was reviewed. Confirmation Sunday is Sept. 17; Embracing Stewardship Workshop is slated for Sept. 23 in Rochelle; God's Work in Our Hands planned Sept. 23-24; Rally Day and Bible Presentation is Oct. 1. Motion to approve the report was made by Karen Niemeier and seconded by Troy Doubler. Motion passed.
- Kristy Patterson, Learning Committee, said Vacation Bible School went well. A follow up meeting is planned. Open Church has been held at Lena Weekly Gathering downtown with games offered for anyone attending. Plans are being discussed for the children's Christmas program tentatively set for Dec. 24.
- Karen Niemeier, Service Committee, said attendance is still running high for the Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center, Friendship Club, Friendship Center activities and Parkinson Support Group.
- Tim Gordon said the 160th Anniversary was well attended with favorable comments coming from many attendees. Photos of the day may be seen in Fellowship Hall.
- Troy Doubler, Men's Ministry, said Gods Work Our Hands projects will include landscaping and other improvements at Lena Living Center and Doll Memorial Apartments. A separate project for a local resident will include a Bible Study and renovation work.
- In new business, the Synod has asked to have a representative to join a Council meeting. This may be scheduled Oct. 10.
- A complete copy of minutes will be posted on bulletin board.

Treasurer's Report from Treasurer Jay Andrews

Incoming July 2017	\$9,725.50
Expenses July 2017	\$9,212.70
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 512.80
Income, Year to Date 2017	\$100,942.60
Expenses, Year to Date 2017	\$ 87,665.56
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 13,259.04



Hannah Circle will meet on Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 9:00am at church in the Fellowship Hall. Rene; Johnson is the hostess and Bible Study leader. We begin our fall 3-part bible Study: **“The Apostles; Creed”** by Julia Seymour in the September 2017 “Gather” magazine.

Session One: “We Believe in God...” The Apostles Creed is part of our prayer life, our welcome liturgy and our teaching tools. It connects us to the history of the church and the faith.

We have purchase extra subscriptions of “Gather” magazine, if you want to study with us or on your own, please see Rene’ Johnson or Pastor Miho. All women of the church and their guests are always welcome at all our functions.

Northern Illinois Synod Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America 29th Annual Convention - Saturday, September 16, 2017 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1013 Franklin Grove Road Dixon, IL.

Morning Message: Bishop Jeffrey Clements

Theme: Lifting the Least”

Matthew 7:12 “So in everything, do to others as you would have them do to you...”

Matthew 25:40 “Truly I say to you as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

Coffee & Registration at 8:00 am Registration Fee: \$35.00/person

See WELCA bulletin board for information and registration forms.

A Physical Offering will be collected for Nachusa Lutheran Home, if you would like to help: Items requested: Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash or Bar Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Deodorant (non-aerosol), Combs/Brushes, Chapstick, Body Lotion, Feminine Care Products, Disposable Razors, (Male & female), Shaving Cream, Contact Solution & Saline, Emery Boards, Sunscreen, Wal-Mart or Walgreens Gift Cards.

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* *Beth Martin, Donna Gullickson,* *
* *Joanne Martin, Cindy Doubler, Darlene Aurand,* *
* *Kelsey Albrecht, Vivian Hesselbacher and* *
* *Shirley Fox for helping with the August Newsletter.* *
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September 2017 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Lena, IL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Communion Set-up/Clean up September 3—Dennis Luke September 10—Vivian Hesselbacher September 17—Dennis Luke September 24—Kristy Patterson					1	2
3 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship Service <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 10px; width: fit-content;"> Pastor Miho on Vacation </div>	4 “ Office Closed” Labor Day	5 6:30pm Stewardship Committee Meeting	6 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters 3:30-5:00pm After School Program for 4th- 8th graders at the Hangout 6:30-8:00pm Confirma- tion Class	7 9:00am Hannah Circle	8	9
					<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> Lena Fall Festival GS-Hospitality Tent Friday Night and Saturday Afternoon Float in Parade on Saturday </div>	
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	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> Pastor Miho at Professional Leader Conference September 18th to 20th </div>					
24 9:30am Worship Service “God’s Work Our Hands” Sunday —LSSI Presentation 2:20 GS at Lena Living Center	25 5:00pm Property Committee Meeting	26	27 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters 3:30-5:00pm After School Program for 4th- 8th graders at the Hangout 6:30-8:00pm Confirma- tion Class	28	29	30

September Worship Volunteers

September 3

Lector Marybeth Brinker
Acolyte Hanna Brinker
Assisting Minister Sheila Keene
Worship Assistant Cora Hudik
Communion Ushers Paul and Shirley Fox
Communion Assistant Wayne Kurth, Dennis Luke
Sound System Jay Andrews, Ashtyn Brinker
Greeters Virgil and Joanne Martin, Tena Rackow
Ushers Paul and Shirley Fox, Chris and Angie Brinker
Elevator Operator Braden Diddens, Dana Diddens

September 10

Lector Tena Rackow
Acolyte Ashtyn Brinker
Assisting Minister Jay Andrews
Worship Assistant Janis Kurth
Communion Ushers Jerry and Beth Martin
Communion Assistant Sue Diddens Austin Andrews
Sound System Wayne Kurth, Hanna Brinker
Greeters Robert and Sharon Schlachter, Darlene Aurand
Ushers Jerry and Beth Martin, Chris and Angie Brinker
Elevator Operator Sue Diddens

September 17

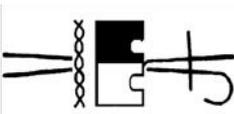
Lector Marybeth Brinker
Acolyte Kayla Runkle
Assisting Minister Austin Andrews
Worship Assistant Wayne Kurth
Communion Ushers Dennis Luke, Donna Gullickson
Communion Assistant Jay and Michelle Andrews
Sound System Troy Doubler, Braden Diddens
Greeters Tena Rackow, Gary and Cindy Boeke
Ushers Dennis Luke, Donna Gullickson, Eugene and Vivian Hesselbacher
Elevator Operator Jean Engel

September 24

Lector Kristy Patterson
Acolyte Ethan Fye
Assisting Minister Wayne Kurth
Worship Assistant Dennis Luke
Communion Ushers Tim Gordon, Virgil Gordon
Communion Assistant Marybeth Brinker, Beth Martin
Sound System Jay Andrews, Austin Andrews
Greeters Chris and Angie Brinker, Sheridan and Marybeth Brinker
Ushers Tim Gordon, Virgil Gordon, 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 /or call the church office by Tuesday of the week that you are to volunteer so that arrangements can be made.
815-369-5552

**NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE for October 2017
Newsletter is September 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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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 Miho Yasukawa

Church Secretary Darlene Barr

Month's Highlights!

Labor Day—Office Closed

Hannah Circle 9:00am

Parkinson Support Group 1:30pm

Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center 9:45am

Friendship Club Potluck/Entertainment 12:00pm

Confirmation Sunday

Men's Group Meeting 8:30am

“God's Work Our Hands” Sunday

September 4
September 7
September 11
September 12
September 14
September 17
September 23
September 24

For More Good Shepherd
Pictures and highlights go to
Facebook: “GSLC Lena!”
or www.GoodShepherdLena.org