



## The SHEPHERD'S VOICE November 2017

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.*

*Philippians 4:4-5*

We have just dedicated our 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thankful Quilt, which is a beautiful piece of art. You see a cross in the middle and unique colors and designs of the squares occupy the quilt. Some squares read “family” or “children” while some say “facebook,” or “car.” Each cloth is an expression of blessings, our thankfulness to God. The Thankful Quilt was started with a conversation. About a year ago one of our members came to me with excitement and joy. She had an idea--our youth writing down 10,000 reasons to be thankful to God and filling the youth room with the expressions of thankfulness. I liked the idea. It sounded like a fun activity. But why limit the fun to just the youth? I brought the idea to the church council. The Spirit moved the Stewardship Committee. Committee members expanded the idea to tie it in with our 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary and make an anniversary quilt filled with our voices of thankfulness for God’s blessings for 160 years. Piece Corps members came up with an idea to use cloth quilting squares. The Holy Spirit guided our hands and feet. Some members cut squares and others bought fabric paints and pens. We started the Thankful Quilt project during the Lenten season. The materials were distributed each Sunday and Wednesday evening service. Some members took the cloth squares home to work on them while others were inspired during worship. Children drew their squares during Sunday School hour, and I took them to our homebound members.

Originally we planned for the quilt to be done by July for the anniversary worship service; but we got behind. God must have been guiding us. Instead of trying to rush to get it done we changed our plan: we invited our guests, former members and ministers and the bishop to contribute their words

thankfulness to God to our quilt on the Anniversary Sunday. Our guests picked up squares and wrote down their expressions of blessedness often having a lot of fun painting and drawing the squares.

The Thankful Quilt grew. By the end of the summer the cloth squares occupied the entire board, and it was a time to sew them together. I talked to Rene about helping put the quilt together. As a gifted quilter she asked me about the quilt's design. I didn't know anything about making quilts. I told her that I would bring it up to the stewardship committee since they might come up with some ideas. The meeting was postponed, and the squares remained on the board.

One Wednesday morning, Rene came to church, and she sorted the squares and took them to her house. A week later she called me and let me know that the quilt was completed.

Centered in the cross the quilt has become a witness of the works of God. It tells us stories of God's grace. I would like to express my thanks to Taylor B, Rene, Cora, Shirley, the Piece Corps, the Sunday School teachers, and all of you for your participation. God showers us with blessings day after day. Thanks be to God. Pr. Miho



## November Meetings at Good Shepherd

**PIECE CORPS QUILTERS** will meet Wednesday November 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** will meet Wednesday November 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00.p.m.

**HANNAH CIRCLE** will meet Thursday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY** November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**MUTUAL MINISTRY MEETING** November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB** will meet Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup> at noon for a Potluck Dinner & entertainment.

**PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP** will meet Monday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm for "*Holiday Pot Luck*" there will be no speaker.

**HYMN SING** at the Lena Living Center will be Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** meets on Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**GOOD SHEPHERD** at Lena Food Pantry Saturday November 25<sup>th</sup>.





## **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
11-06	Dale Andrews
11-07	Amanda Lessman
11-07	Cameron Baker
11-10	Martin Luther
11-13	Brian Eilders
11-15	Sarah (Huber) Andrews
11-18	Deanna Drye
11-19	Camerson Baker
11-19	Lukas Price
11-20	Melinda Reed
11-20	Wade Flack
11-22	Leona Block
11-22	Sue Diddens
11-23	Peggy Roettger
11-28	John Huneke
11-30	Taylor Patterson
11-30	Alex White

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

## What is a Steward?

A person who cares for something, that belongs to someone else.

A steward can't be the owner. The steward always manages. The Following Bible Verses give the background for understanding of managing God's Stuff. Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth". The gospel of John starts out with these words"

Psalm 24:1-2 & Psalm 89:11 both make the connection that God is the creator of all that is, therefore God is the owner of all that is.

Stewardship is our response to God's abundant love. We are good stewards when we care for ourselves, for others and for everything God has created.

"Check out next Month's Newsletter for more on Stewards in the books of the Bible.

The words "Thank You" are written in a highly decorative, flowing cursive script. The letters are interconnected, with long, elegant flourishes extending from the top and bottom of the letters. The text is centered within a white rectangular area on the left side of the grey box.

## Special Thank You

from the Stewardship Committee to the Congregation of Good Shepherd for their contributions which made it possible to have the roof of the church replaced. Thanks to all. The Stewardship Committee: Shirley Fox Gene Hesselbacher, Marion Fahr and Cora Hudik

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> and the last day to donate is Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 200dozen cookies for their Operation Good Fellow. Good Shepherd has been asked to donate 25 dozen cookies. A sign-up sheet will be put out later in November for you to indicate how many dozen you can donate.



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.

Good Shepherd volunteers at the food pantry on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month. The hours are from 8:30 until 11:30. We will be putting together the schedule for 2018 soon, so please let us know if you are able to volunteer or be a sub.

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.*



Christmas Program  
 at Good Shepherd  
 Sunday  
 December 17<sup>th</sup> 2017  
 at 9:30am

Join us for a festive worship  
 service led by our children  
 and youth.



**Joy to the World!**

Christmas Caroling,  
December 10<sup>th</sup>

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, en-  
 joy a hot bowl of soup back at Good Shepherd.  
 Bring finger foods to share.



Beth Martin, Donna Gullickson,  
 Joanne Martin, Cindy Doubler,  
 Darlene Aurand, Kelsey Al-  
 brecht, Vivian Hesselbacher and  
 Shirley Fox for helping with  
 the October Newsletter.



**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 10. (Cost will be \$10.00). Please complete the form below and mail it or drop it off at the church office.**

**Thank you!**

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**Poinsettia Order**

**Given by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**phone # :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Given (check one)**

\_\_\_ in memory of.. \_\_\_ in honor of...

**Name (s)** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



Worship and Fellowship with the Stubbs Family





## *Thoughts of Thanksgiving*

*by Susan D Gordon*

*With humble hearts and heaven-bound praise  
We sing aloud to our gracious, giving Father-  
God*

*Fixing our eyes on the litany of His gifts*

*So amply given, so undeserved*

*Too numerous for mortal minds to ever comprehend.*

*We marvel at the myriad of miracles now displayed  
And look to treasured times gone by and wonder what  
is still to be Giving thanks for prayers answered and  
blessings received. For lessons learned and all things  
yet to be discovered. As wandering pilgrims, we turn  
toward giving Holy Hands Gazing out at this  
magnificent world, His world,*

*Filled with milestones and millstones dark corners and  
safe havens Times of feast and famine, fruitful abun-  
dance and daily fare, Seasons of summer sunshine and  
soothing showers, Of budding promises and fruitful  
harvests, Of winter winds and peaceful respites Ten-  
der touches and threatening thunderstorms, Casual  
connections and meaningful measures, Days of gentle  
breezes and troubled whirlwinds*

*Periods of cloudy questions and hopeful solutions  
Heaven-borne miracles helping conquer past problems,  
And sustaining us through whatever looms ahead .*

*We search for His hand leading us to calming waters  
And directing us to clearing paths*

*Knowing that everything is in His control,  
And all that we are is His*

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## Worship News

### ALL SAINTS SUNDAY—NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>

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.

### **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

## Highlights from October Council Meetings

- Guest Duane Olivier, member of Lord of Love Church, Galena, attended the meeting on behalf of the Northern Illinois Synod. He is also a program graduate and spokesperson for Diakonia which is a two-year program of theological education to help equip people for service in parish ministries.
- Council members communicated the many outreach programs Good Shepherd sponsors throughout the year and how the stewardship of the church touches the lives of many people in the immediate community and far beyond. Olivier asked how the Synod could be a help to Good Shepherd in the future and left a packet of information specifically prepared for the congregation.
- The Treasurer's Report was also presented with electric bill of \$142.49 and gas bill of \$122.49 for September. Gene Hesselbacher moved to accept the report and Karen Niemeier seconded. It was unanimously accepted.
- Pastor's Report included a summary of works as well as the schedule to attend the Re-Mark-Able Conversation with the Bishop to be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Elizabeth, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. Council members are urged to attend. Pastor will teach a Diakonia class Thursday nights Feb. 15 – March 15 in Stockton.
- Committee reports were received. Coralyn Hudik, Stewardship, asked for Council artwork suggestions for a proposed decal project. The decals could be displayed on automobiles to highlight Good Shepherd.
- Troy Keene, Learning, said the children's Christmas program is set for Dec. 17. First Communion classes have begun.

Service Committee member, Karen Niemeier, said the local food pantry has now settled in the building in the alley behind Sugar Bowl Boutique. Good Shepherd youth group will deliver the items collected to the pantry.

## Highlights from October Council Meetings Cont.

- On behalf of the Property Committee, Denny Luke said that he has been speaking to members about a priority list for future improvements. Electrical wiring updates have been suggested as a potential project among other ideas. The committee will follow up on replacement of the outdoor railings.
- Jay Andrews, Men's Ministry, said several projects have been accomplished for individuals in the area as well as the God's Work Our Hands major endeavor that took place in September.
- Council agreed to continue the Gold Plus plan for Pastor's pension and benefit package. This is the same plan provided in 2017 and is recommended by the ELCA.
- A complete copy of minutes will be posted on bulletin board.

### **Treasurer's Report from Treasurer Jay Andrews**

Incoming September 2017	\$ 5,496.00
Expenses September 2017	\$ 9,669.09
Net Income (Loss)	\$(4,173.09)
Income, Year to Date 2017	\$116,024.00
Expenses, Year to Date 2017	\$120,330.41
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (4,306.41)



St. John Lutheran Church, Massbach  
will host the NI Synod Northwest Conference  
Fall Discipleship Gathering  
"Re-Mark-Able Conversation with the Bishop  
November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Registration will begin at 6:15 pm.  
A light supper will be served from 6:30-7 pm.  
Devotions will begin at 7 pm, followed by the program.

**Hannah Circle** will meet on Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall This is “Potluck: we will not have a hostess. Rene; Johnson is the Bible Study leader.



We continue our Fall 3-part bible Study: “**The Apostles; Creed**” by Julia Seymour in the November 2017 “Gather” magazine. “The Spirit can sometimes seem like the most slippery of the three persons on the Holy Trinity. Specifically compared to the wind by Jesus in John 3, the Holy Spirit is tough to describe as a mover, but easier to see in the wake of the movements and actions the Spirit inspires and leaves behind. The Spirit is literally boundless, which is hard to comprehend for human minds that are fairly obsessed with finitude. Yet all things are born out through the Spirit in love, in regeneration and in resurrection.”

**Session Three: “I believe in Holy Spirit...”** Focus Bible Verse: 1 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, 2 the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Genesis 1:1-2 (NRSV) .

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.

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

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

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# November 2017 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Lena, IL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Communion Set-up/Clean up November 5-Marybeth Brinker November 12-Denny Luke November 19-Bill & Jean Engel November 26-Mary Lloyd						
<b>5:30am Worship Service</b> <b>All Saints Sunday</b> 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Sunday School 11:00am Choir Practice 5:00pm Chime Practice	6 10:00am-2:00pm Pastor Miho at 2nd Yr Theological Ed. Trinity, Elisabeth, IL 6:30pm Mutual Ministry Meeting	7 2:00pm Pastor Miho Text Study	8 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters 9:00am-11:00am Pastor Miho at NW Conf. First Lutheran, Chadwick 3:30-5:00pm After School Program for 4th-8th graders 6:30-8:00pm Confirmation Class	9 12:00pm Friendship Club Potluck	10	11
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## November Worship Volunteers

### November 5

Lector	Karen Niemeier
Acolyte	Jacob Runkle
Assisting Minister	Wayne Kurth
Worship Assistant	Sue Diddens
Communion Ushers	Jay and Michelle Andrews
Communion Assistant	Tena Rackow, Marybeth Brinker
Sound System	Troy Doubler, Braden Diddens
Greeters	Troy, Sheila and Krista Keene, Dennis Luke
Ushers	Claire and Helen Cross, Jay and Michelle Andrews
Elevator Operator	Tena Rackow

### November 12

Lector	Dennis Luke
Acolyte	Kayla Runkle
Assisting Minister	Sheila Keene
Worship Assistant	Shirley Fox
Communion Ushers	Bill and Jean Engel
Communion Assistant	Jay and Michelle Andrews
Sound System	Wayne Kurth, Hanna Brinker
Greeters	Jerry and Beth Martin, Virgil and Joanne Martin
Ushers	Bill and Jean Engel, Paul and Shirley Fox
Elevator Operator	Chris Brinker

### November 19

Lector	Larry Fulfs
Acolyte	Ashtyn Brinker
Assisting Minister	Open
Worship Assistant	Vivian Hesselbacher
Communion Ushers	Gary and Cynthia Boeke
Communion Assistant	Sue Diddens, Cora Hudik
Sound System	Jay Andrews, Hanna Brinker
Greeters	Tena Rackow, Robert and Sharon Schlachter
Ushers	Gary and Cynthia Boeke, Virgil and Joanne Martin
Elevator Operator	Braden Diddens, Dana Diddens

### November 26

Lector	Sue Diddens
Acolyte	Hanna Brinker
Assisting Minister	Jay Andrews
Worship Assistant	Cora Hudik
Communion Ushers	Chris and Angie Brinker
Communion Assistant	Sheila Keene, Shirley Fox
Sound System	Wayne Kurth, Ashtyn Brinker
Greeters	Darlene Aurand, Gary and Cynthia Boeke
Ushers	Chris and Angie Brinker, Jim Swain, Dennis Luke
Elevator Operator	Sue Diddens

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