

## The SHEPHERD'S VOICE May 2018

*All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4*

God's spirit came down and dwelled on people. And they began speaking about God's deeds of power in various languages. This is the story of Pentecost. God's spirit came down and more people witnessed God's work through this spirit filled people. It is a story of multitudes of people experiencing God's promises. The story of Pentecost seems outrageous and very chaotic. When we read the account in Acts, we may notice that people were perplexed trying to make sense of what they were experiencing.

I am not a fan of surprises. I feel comfortable when I know what is coming up or what to anticipate because it gives me a sense of control. As much as I try to be prepared, however, I frequently encounter unpredicted moments like a car pulling over and a stranger or a familiar face offering me a ride, receiving a phone call that one of our members is in the hospital, or a youth offering a prayer which speaks deeply to my heart. These are some examples of finding myself thrown into God's holy chaos. Somehow God works through seemingly catastrophic and disorienting moments. I do not wish that we experience disasters or tragedies, but the fact is that bad things happen to us. We may be in an accident or may be diagnosed with cancer or dementia. We may encounter financial challenges or may face fear of losing loved ones. We may struggle with our faith in God. We know that God will never abandon God's people, but sometimes God seems quiet or rather silent. When God's Spirit came down on Pentecost, people were experiencing uncertainties. Jesus had gone into heaven, and the small number of disciples remained. It seemed that the Jesus

movement was dwindling. Yet God kept God's promises. God poured out the Holy Spirit, and more people witnessed God's mighty acts. The Pentecost story is also our story. In our lives we, too, witness God's Spirit poured over our neighbors, care providers, friends, children, strangers, and even onto our pets. Their presence, warm hands, phone calls, and text messages remind us of God's unfailing love. It's amazing how God works. I pray for you that you may taste God's holy encounters. Pr. Miho

### **WORSHIP NEWS**

Month of May is filled with celebrations. On **May 6<sup>th</sup>** we will recognize our graduates and Sunday School Teachers for their service. We will celebrate the coming of God's Spirit known as Pentecost on **May 20<sup>th</sup>**. There will be a guest speaker from the synod India trip in February. We will also give blessing to GSLC clingons to show our spirit to the world. There will be potluck lunch on that day. **May 27<sup>th</sup>** is Holy Trinity Sunday when we explore mystery of trinity. Come and taste God's grace in worship.

### **STEWARDSHIP**

Stewardship Committee will meet May 1st at 6:30pm. Guest and visitors welcome to join in.

News: The Stewardship committee would like to encourage all to be good stewards for that which God has entrusted, like our bodies, friends, family, farms, animals, fields the work that each has. Give thanks for the opportunity to be a steward of Good Shepherd.

20th of May. Family Pot Luck

Blessing of the Good Shepherd Cling-ons

Chair C. Hudik

## May Meetings at Good Shepherd

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE Meeting**, May 1 at 6:30pm

**PIECE CORPS QUILTERS** will meet Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** will meet Wednesday evening May 2<sup>nd</sup>

**HANNAH CIRCLE** will meet May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00am at Rene Johnson's home

**GRADUATE & TEACHER RECOGNITION/ Last Day of Sunday School** Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

**LEARNING COMMITTEE Meeting**, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm

**HYMN SING**, Lena Living Center, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB/POTLUCK**, May 10<sup>th</sup> at noon, entertainment by Mary Berryhill & Company

**PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP** will meet May 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm., "Stress & the Holistic Affects of Parkinson's", Sean Huguenin, Spiritual Care Coordinator at FMH

**YOUTH OWL NIGHT**, May 18-19<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm-10:00am

**GLSC CLINGONS BLESSING & POTLUCK LUNCHEON** Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

**GOOD SHEPHERD** at Lena Food Pantry, May 26<sup>th</sup>

**MEN'S GROUP**, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** for the June 2018 Newsletter is May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Thank You!



## May Birthdays

- 5/1 Shannon Albright
- 5/1 Coralyn Hudik
- 5/1 Dennis Luke
- 5/2 Lynn Meyers
- 5/2 Laurie Meyers
- 5/3 Angie Jones
- 5/5 Dawn Diffenderfer
- 5/7 Bill Jacobs
- 5/7 Krystal Schlichting
- 5/8 Degan Euler
- 5/10 Marcia Meyers
- 5/11 Ellen Kyles
- 5/13 Steve Fahr
- 5/14 Nicole Sullivan
- 5/17 Mark Raders
- 5/19 Sarah Geiseman
- 5/20 Nathan Lones
- 5/21 Faye Fulfs
- 5/23 Susan Koppean
- 5/23 Sheila Keene
- 5/24 Deb Hesselbacher
- 5/24 Quinten Green
- 5/24 Nathaniel Baker
- 5/25 Elizabeth Martin
- 5/26 Drew Solace
- 5/27 Chris Brinker
- 5/28 Brad Boeke
- 5/29 Eugene Hesselbacher
- 5/30 Nick Baker
- 5/30 Alexander Stabenow
- 5/31 Scott Luke

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

## 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, those who are 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 need an address.

## Need of a ride to church on Sunday?

### Call:

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

## 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)*



*Save  
the  
Date*

## Pictorial Directory

Sign up your slot for the Pictorial Church Directory!  
Get your smiles ready for the new Pictorial Directory. We will start to pick out times to come to the church and get your photos taken. Pictures will be taken on June 21st 2pm-9pm, 22nd 2pm-9pm, and 23rd 10am-5pm. Every family will receive a new directory and an 8"x10" photo. Sign up your slot today! Any questions please contact Denny Luke at church or call him at 815-985-5552.

# The Friendship Center

## Robin Woolcock, Program Director (815)369-2690



The **Friendship Center** is an Adult Day Care in Lena which serves those who need assistance or can't be left alone and those who need respite care for their caregivers. It's a great program that provides socialization, proper nutrition and health monitoring. We have a nurse available every day and a handicap accessible bus and van for transportation. My Friend's Closet contributes a portion of their profits to the ministry of the Friendship Center to insure that no one is turned away and it is affordable to everyone. We appreciate our staff, volunteers, and clients. If you have not been to the Friendship Center, please stop by and visit—everyone there would love to chat with you. If you have a talent you would like to share, wouldn't mind playing games with the clients, or helping out in other ways—please give Robin Woolcock, the Program Director a call at 815.369.2690. We have moved, and are now located in the old Mama Lena's building at 311 N. Lake Road, Lena.



The **Friendship Center** is looking for a van driver for Tuesday afternoons, and a substitute bus driver. If you are interested, stop in or contact Robin at the Friendship Center at 815.369-2690.

The **Friendship Center** is also looking for a PRN (as needed) CNA. Please stop in or call Robin at the Friendship Center if interested 815.369.2690.



**Caregiver's Support Group (sponsored by the Friendship Center)**—Please join us for our Caregiver's Support Group on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 1:00 PM at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Our Caregiver's Support Group's goal is to provide emotional support, information and resources to anyone who is a caregiver. If you know of anyone in this role, please share this information with them. You may be their only outlet to find out about this much needed support system. If you need someone to help watch your loved one, so that you can attend our meeting, contact The Friendship Center at 815-369-2690 and ask for Robin or Denise. Please join us on the **2nd Wednesdays each month at 1:00 PM at St. John's Lutheran Church.**

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Youth OWL Night

Program includes:

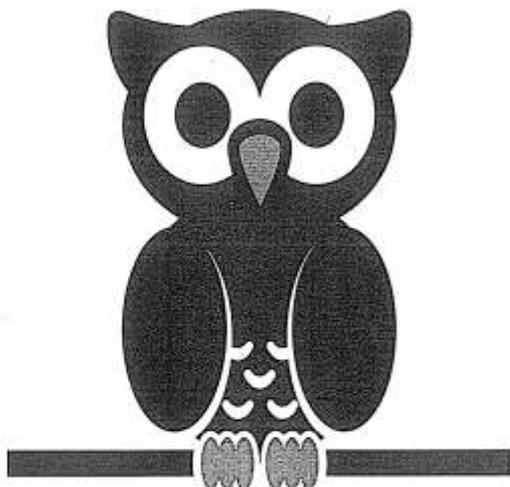
- Games,
- Night hike,
- Service project
- Movies,
- Supper, breakfast, and
- all night snacks.

For youth going into

**5th grade and up**

**Come in anytime!**

**Doors open all night!**



We STAY UP All night.

May 18<sup>th</sup> (Friday) 5:30pm to

May 19<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) 10am

If you have any questions, please contact the church office

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\*We are also looking for adult volunteers to come in for 2 hours shifts. If you are interested, please contact us.

*Please bring your  
friends, favorite  
game and  
a snack to share.*





**May 6<sup>th</sup>** Teacher and Graduate recognition. Last day of Sunday School.

**May 10<sup>th</sup>** Baccalaureate Service at Salam UCC 7pm

**May 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>** Owl Night 5:30pm-10:00am for youth going into 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up. Friends are invited.

**June 14-15** Synod Youth Assembly at Augustana College in Rock Island. If you are interested in, talk to Pr. Miho.

**June 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>** VBS at Lena UMC, 5pm (registration starts)-8pm; Theme All Aboard! Gospel Express

**July 20<sup>th</sup>** LOMC Swing Choir at Good Shepherd. Concert starts 7pm.

If youth or adult are involved in activities which the public is invited, please provide summer schedule or contact office by Tuesday am for it to be in the following Sunday's bulletin

## GRADUATES 2018

### HIGHSCHOOL GRADUATES

**ANNA PATTERSON**, daughter of Kristy Patterson and Nick Patterson, will graduate from Lena-Winslow High School. In the fall, Anna will major in art at Highland Community College in Freeport. Eventually, she would like to enter the seminary to become a Pastor.

### COLLEGE GRADUATES

**BRIANNA ANDREWS**, daughter of Jay and Michelle Andres, will graduate from the University of WV. Brianna will continue her education to become an RN with a BSN on the way to becoming a Nurse Practitioner.

**TAYLOR BASTIAN**, daughter of Joseph and Mary Bastian, will graduate from Highland Community College. In the fall, Taylor will be attending Northern Illinois University majoring in Human Development and Family Sciences with a minor in LGBTQ Studies.

**DANICA BALBACH**, daughter of Dwight and Denise Balbach, will graduate with a Doctorate in Pharmacy from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

## **Highlights from April Council Meetings**

- Treasurer Jay Andrews presented the March report and it was approved. The electric bill was \$222.64 and the gas bill was \$668.60. Permission to pay the \$600 installment to the Lena Food Pantry from the Lucille Baker Account was given.
- Pastor Miho presented her March report which was accepted by all. Highlighted was the May 10 Baccalaureate service at Salem United Church of Christ and the LOMC Memorial Day Work Weekend May 25 – 28.
- In Committee Reports, Denny Luke advised that all three of the church pianos have been tuned; Dodd's Park has been reserved for the first Sunday in August for the annual outdoor worship service; Special music will be provided the fifth Sunday of the month when it occurs, this first occasion is in April; and the newly created cling-ons will be available for purchase by parishioners late in May
- Kristy Patterson said three local churches will once again work together for Vacation Bible School and OWL Night, an overnight lock-in for youth, is set for May 18-19. More adult volunteers are needed.
- Troy Doubler announced that one of the burners in the boiler is not working and some portions of the office and classroom areas are without heat. Repairs will be sought.
- Scholarship applications for this year's graduates are now being accepted. The first Cook Out Sunday organized by the Men's Group is set for June 17.
- In another matter, Lisa Wienand was nominated as additional designee on the Special Funds Account. .
- New church secretary Betty Allen was officially hired per a March motion. She has been in training with outgoing secretary Darlene Barr. Barr has given seven years of service to Good Shepherd. An official recognition for her is planned for a future date.
- Anna Patterson was nominated as the Youth Delegate for Synod Assembly to be held June 15 – 16.
- Denny Luke said Life Touch will be at the church June 21 – 23 taking photos for a new pictorial directory. Appointment sign-up sheets will be available closer to the time of the event. The directory comes at no cost to the church and every member having their photo taken will receive an 8 by 10 portrait as well as a directory at no cost.
- Danica Balbach, member who recently returned from a mission trip to Haiti, presented the gift of a painting symbolic of the country to Good Shepherd. Balbach was appreciative of the support she had received from the congregation as well as her upbringing in the church
- In another matter, Council heard the need for quilting supplies from Troy Doubler. The Piece Corps has created more than 15,000 quilts for countries worldwide since its inception. A motion was made by Kristy Patterson to purchase quilting supplies with money from the Lucille Baker Endowment Fund. The check for \$2,000 for 2018 will be made payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church to establish the Piece Corp Account.
- A complete copy of minutes will be posted on the bulletin board.

**Hannah Circle** will meet on Thursday,  
May 3, 2018 at 9:00 am at the home of  
Rene' Johnson. Lesson will be "*Hospitality for all*"  
from the May "Gather" magazine.  
All women of the church and their guests are welcome to attend  
all circle functions.



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The Family of Susie Gordon would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during her illness. We would also like to thank everyone for their assistance with services and those that brought food for the fellowship luncheon after the service. Also the Good Shepherd Lutheran Women's Group for serving the luncheon.

Virgil and Tim Gordon



*Beth Martin, Donna Gullickson, Joanne Martin, Cindy Doubler, Darlene Aurand, Kelsey Albrecht, Vivian Hesselbacher, Debbie Hesselbacher and Shirley Fox for helping with the April Newsletter.*

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

Incoming March 2018	\$ 8,048.00
Expenses March 2018	\$ 11,046.54
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (2,998.54)
Income, Year to Date 2018	\$ 21,882.44
Expenses, Year to Date 2018	\$ 33,145.96
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (11,263.52)

## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

*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

Miho Yasukawa

Church Secretary

Betty Allen

### **Month's Highlights!**

May 3 Hannah Circle 9:00am

May 6 Graduate & Teacher Recognition Sunday 9:30am

May 8 Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center 9:45am

May 10 Friendship Club Potluck/Entertainment 12:00pm

May 14 Parkinson Support Group 6:30pm

May 17 Good Shepherd at Friendship Center for Devotions & Dessert 1:00pm

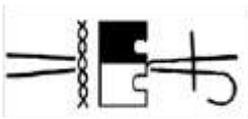
May 20 Pentecost Sunday 9:30am

May 26 Good Shepherd at Lena Food Pantry

May 26 Men's Group 4:30pm

May 27 Holy Trinity Sunday 9:30 am

For More Good Shepherd  
Pictures and highlights go to  
Facebook: "GSLClenall"  
or [www.GodShepherdLena.org](http://www.GodShepherdLena.org)



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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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