



## The SHEPHERD'S VOICE July 2018

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing. (Psalm 100:1-2)*

I believe that music is a language. Through music I communicate with people from different backgrounds, different ages, even from different countries. Lutherans are known for their singing in worship. A few weeks ago I went to a Thursday evening service at St. John's in Lena, and I realized an interesting fact: Lutherans really sing. Singing hymns together in worship is part of our Lutheran identity. We sing and make joyful harmony in response to God's mercy and grace. Music connects us, and through singing together we are in one community.

Singing has been a big part of my life. God gave me the gift of a loud voice, and I have been in choirs for many years. I even met my husband in a church choir. I enjoy singing. Sometimes I sing old familiar hymns from my high school days to calm down my anxious mind. Sometimes I sing out contemporary Christian songs in my car. Gospel music has become my song of prayer, and I sing silly songs from VeggieTales to cheer me up in a gloomy day. Music speaks to me in different ways at different times.

My insights about singing has deepened since I came to Good Shepherd. I learned a lot from the Hymn Sing at the nursing home. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday morning Good Shepherd hosts the Hymn Sing at the nursing home in Lena. We sing old favorite hymns together. At first I just enjoyed the singing. One day I had a tickle in my throat, so I did not sing much but instead I listened. The residents and volunteers were creating joyful harmonies. When the intro of Amazing Grace started, the lips of the residence were moving, singing together and praising the Lord our God. Our tunes may not be on the same page, but our hearts are together praising God with singing.

Hymns and songs are expressions of our faith. Through our singing others witness the goodness of God. Come let us sing to the Lord and make a joyful noise! Pr. Miho

## Northern Illinois Assembly 2018

Pastor Miho, Dale Gullickson, Anna Patterson and Denny Luke attended the Assembly on June 15th and 16th at Augustana College in Rock Island, IL.

The meeting was informative, inspirational, enlightening, fun, insightful and encouraging. It is nice to see how the Synod actually works. The keynote speakers were good and had lively discussions with all there. The breakout sessions were very interesting and good ideas talked about. Music was good and hearing 400-500 people singing fills your heart. Worship services are always outstanding and seeing the new Ministers being Ordained is the final highlight of the Assembly. One last thing, the food there was very good.

Good Shepherd Representatives



### WORSHIP NEWS

July worship will have lots of singing and possibly swaying with the music. On July 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a guest speaker from Tyler's Justice Center for Children in Stockton. We will sing the VBS song with motions and present VBS offerings. July 15<sup>th</sup> is a Fellowship Sunday. We will worship in the Fellowship hall, singing our favorite hymns from LBW, the green hymnal, and having potluck luncheon afterward. The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday GRACE worship will be July 29<sup>th</sup>. We will raise our voices to praise God through variety of hymns and Christian songs. Worship is a time and space to hear the Word of God and to taste God's grace together. We hope to see you on Sundays, 9:30am.

\*Save the Date—Worship in the Park is August 5<sup>th</sup> 10am at Dodd's Park.

## July Meetings at Good Shepherd

**PIECE CORPS QUILTERS** will meet Wednesday July 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, they will not be meeting on the Fourth of July.

**HANNAH CIRCLE** will meet July 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at Lena Living Center.

**PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP** will meet July 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Guest speaker Jennifer Reusch, Pharmacist from FHN will discuss “Drugs and Parkinson’s”.

**HYMN SING** Lena Living Center, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** July 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

**OPEN CHURCH** July 11<sup>th</sup>, downtown Lena, from 5-8 pm.

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB/POTLUCK** July 12<sup>th</sup> at noon, entertainment by Deb Leininger, flute

**FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY/POTLUCK LUNCHEON**  
July 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am

**OPEN CHURCH** July 18<sup>th</sup>, downtown Lena, from 5-8 pm,

**GOOD SHEPHERD** at Friendship Center July 19<sup>th</sup> at 1pm for Devotions and Deserts

**LOMC SWING CHOIR** July 20<sup>th</sup>,  
Supper with choir members at 5:00pm, Concert at 7:00pm.

**OPEN CHURCH** July 25<sup>th</sup>, downtown Lena, from 5-8 pm,

**FIFTH SUNDAY GRACE WORSHIP** July 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.

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

**SAVE the Date—Worship in the Park,  
August 5<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am at Dodd’s Park**

# Happy Birthday

## July Birthdays

- 7/1 Billie Jo Runkle
- 7/2 Connie Kraft
- 7/2 Joe Green
- 7/4 Craig Raders
- 7/6 Lori Timms
- 7/6 Linda Heidenreich
- 7/6 Ben Huber
- 7/6 Shane Becker
- 7/6 Sondra Winters
- 7/8 Brenda Pathmann
- 7/9 Alicia Tessendorf
- 7/11 Jace Schlichting
- 7/12 Austin Andrews
- 7/13 Tana Herman
- 7/14 Danica Balbach
- 7/14 Andrew Drye
- 7/20 Shirley Fox
- 7/20 Bob Roettger
- 7/24 Claire Cross
- 7/25 Dale Gullickson
- 7/27 Tara Wolfrom
- 7/27 Heather Clifton

If we missed 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, 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 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)*



*DEAR GOOD SHEPHERD MEMBERS,  
THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR THE KIND  
DONATIONS FOR MY FUND RAISING. I MADE  
OVER \$800. I APPRECIATED IT ALL VERY MUCH.  
THANKS AGAIN. KRISTA KEENE*



### 5th Sunday GRACE Worship July 28

GRACE Worship is **G**od centered, **R**elaxed, **A**ffirming our baptisms, proclaiming the **C**ross of Jesus, and **E**xciting service. We sing from up beat contemporary Christian songs and taste God's grace with Holy communion .

### Let Us Know

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

Thank you

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





FREE

# Swing Choir



Concert  
July 20th  
Friday  
7:00 pm

The LOMC Swing Choir is made up of young people in grades 9-12 from Illinois and Wisconsin. They are under the direction of Chris Parkinson from Freeport, IL. The choreographer is Catherine Nelson from Geneseo, IL.



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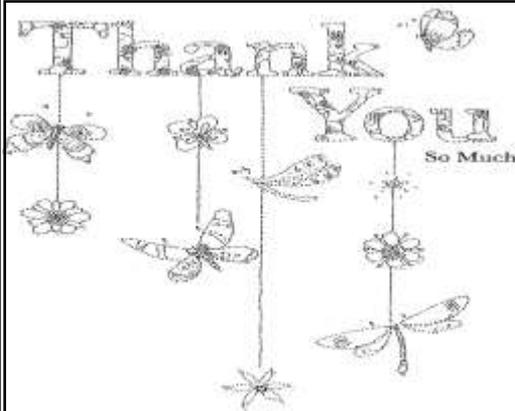
Phone: 815-369-5552

If you have any questions, please contact us at 815-369-5552.



The family of Carol Wybourn would like to thank the Good Shepherd family for their prayers and **kind thought expressed to our family during Carol's illness.** Your kind expression of sympathy will always remain fondly in our memories.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness  
The Wybourn Family



I don't know where to begin, so I just want to say Thank You for making me a part of the Good Shepherd family for several years. I enjoyed every day of it will miss you all!

Thank You  
God Bless you all  
Darlene Barr



Hello, I'm Betty Allen, I have taken over Darlene Barr's position as the secretary for Good Shepherd. Darlene has been wonderful to work along side during training. She is a mountain of wisdom. Pastor Miho and Darlene have introduced me to some very wonderful members of the church, looking forward to meeting more.

My husband Ernest (Cork) and I live east of Winslow , where we raised our family, they are all grown and have families of their own which we are blessed to watch and share in their lives growing up.

I will have office hours Monday–Wednesday 9:00am-3:00pm

# GOSPEL EXPRESS "ALL ABOARD!"

There were 30 children and 42 volunteers that helped make the 2018 VBS an enjoyable experience for our youth.



The Good Shepherd Congregation thanks God for the energetic, talented generous members who led and helped with VBS 2018 Gospel Express



THANK  
YOU!

## Highlights from June Council Meetings

- Treasurer, Jay Andrews presented the May report. He mentioned that the congregation is about \$10,000 short of meeting our expenses so far this year in current expenses. It was discussed why we thought the giving was down. A couple of ideas were presented. The council discussed how to approach this loss. A suggestion was made to write a letter to the congregation requesting assistance with help from the congregation to help defray the shortage. A motion was made by Troy Doubler and seconded by Bari Raymer to send out letter. A letter will be drafted and sent out to the congregation. The electric bill was \$162.46 and gas bill \$308.83. Troy Double made a motion to accept Treasurer's report and was seconded by Virgil Gordon.
- Pastor Miho presented her May report which was approved by Kristy Patterson and seconded by Bari Raymer. Highlights of her report include her having a successful Youth Owl Night and a funeral service for Carol Wybourn.
- Committee reports were submitted. Highlights were:
  1. Worship/Music – summer services planned out. Some Sundays in Fellowship Hall.
  2. Stewardship committee – selling Good Shepherd cling ons.
  3. Learning committee – VBS coming up June 18 – 21. Looking for volunteers
  4. Property committee – under new business
  5. Men's Ministry – pork chops and potluck and singing June 17.

LOMC Swing Choir concert, July 22, 2018. 7:00 p.m. concert and 5:00 p.m. supper. Would like to ask the congregation for help with salad, desert and drinks. Pizza and lasagna will be provided. It will be open to family of choir members and our congregation.

- Property committee – sound system proposal was presented. At this time it was decided to take it back to the property committee to draft a letter to Mitek to if they would be willing to donate/bid on sound system. It was approved by Virgil Gordon and seconded by Bari Raymer.
- Memorial list additions – an updated list was proposed. Troy Doubler made a motion to update the memorial list and it was seconded by Bari Raymer.
- Fall Festival – it was decided to move forward with reserving a spot downtown during the festival.

A complete copy of minutes will be posted on the bulletin board



WELCA Items submitted for July 2018 “The Shepherd Newsletter” by Rene’ Johnson (815)-369-2818. Please call if you have any questions

**Hannah Circle** will meet on Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 9:00 am at the Lena Living Center. Sheila Keene will furnish all the refreshments. Rene’ Johnson is the Bible Study Leader, Pastor Miho will serve communion. Please call Rene’ at 815-369-218 if you have any questions.

We continue our summer Bible Study: Let Us Pray by theologian Anna Madsen., of the OMG: Center for Theological Conversation. In Session Two: “The Practices of Prayer” in the July/August issue of “Gather Magazine” Anna shares how people of faith find different reasons and ways to come before God, enriching our devotions and our lives.

Our Bible Study will focus on Psalm 19; the Theme Verse is Psalm 19:14 - *Let the words of my mouth and meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.*”

All women of the church and their guests are invited and welcome at all circle functions

WELCA Women’s Conference, Retreat and Bible Study  
 August 9th and 18th from 8:30am - 2:00pm  
 At First Lutheran Church, Freeport  
 Watch for flyer.  
 Any questions contact Rene Johnson at (815)369-2818

**Treasurer’s Report from Treasurer Jay Andrews**

Incoming May 2018	\$ 7,288.00
Expenses May 2018	\$ 11,218.65
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (3,930.65)
Income, Year to Date 2018	\$ 46,340.47
Expenses, Year to Date 2018	\$ 55,761.45
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (9420.98)

# Books of the New Testament



Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Acts

Romans

Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

Thessalonians

Timothy

Titus

Philemon

Hebrews

James

Peter

Jude

Revelation



## **GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**



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### **Good Shepherd window Cling-on**

Cling-ons are now available, pick one and put on your car this summer. There are two designs. Ask stewardship committee members or stop by the office for your cling-on.

This is a way to spread the good news to the world.

Take one today and put it on your car or window.



## **Martin Luther's Morning Blessing**

In the morning, as soon as you get out of bed, you are to make the sign of the holy cross and say: "God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit watch over me. Amen."

Then, kneeling or standing, say the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer. If you wish, you may in addition recite this little prayer as well: I give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected me through the night from all harm and danger. I ask that you would also protect me today from sin and all evil, so that my life and actions may please you. Into your hands I commend myself: my body, my soul, and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

After singing a hymn perhaps (for example, one on the Ten Commandments) or whatever else may serve your devotion, you are to go to your work joyfully.

# JULY 2018 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Lena, IL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 9:30am VBS Sunday Worship Service</b> <b>Guest speaker from Tyler's Justice Center for Children</b> <i>Special Music-Abby Brinker</i> 10:30am Fellowship	2	3	4 <i>"Office Closed"</i> <i>Independence Day</i>	5 9:00am Hannah Circle at Lena Living Center	6	7
ELCA Youth Gathering, Houston, TX						
8 <b>9:30am Worship Service</b> <i>Special Music-Tyger Johnson</i> 10:30am Fellowship	9 1:30pm Parkinson Support Group Meeting	10 9:45am Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center <i>2:00pm Pastor Miho Text Study</i> 6:30pm Council Meeting	11 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters 5:00-8:00pm Open Church, downtown Lena	12 12:00pm Friendship Club/ Potluck and entertainment Deb Leininger	13	14
15 <b>9:30am Fellowship Sunday worship Service</b> 10:30am Fellowship/ Potluck Luncheon	16	17 <i>2:00pm Pastor Miho Text Study</i>	18 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters 5:00-8:00pm Open Church, downtown Lena	19 1:00pm Devotions and Desserts at Friendship Center	20 5:00pm Dinner with LOMC Swing Choir 7:00pm LOMC Swing Choir Concert	21
22 <b>9:30am Worship Service</b> <i>Special Music-Randy Kint</i> 10:30am Fellowship	23	24	25 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters 5:00-8:00pm Open Church, downtown Lena	26	27	28 Good Shepherd at Food Pantry 4:30pm Men's Group
		Pr. Miho is on vacation				
29 <b>9:30am 5th Sunday Grace Worship Service</b> 10:30am Fellowship	30	31 <i>2:00pm Pastor Miho Text Study</i>			July Communion Set-up/Clean up July 8 & 15      Bill & Jean Engle July 22 & 29      Denny Luke	

## **July Worship Volunteers**

### **July 1**

Worship Leaders 2018 VBS Participants  
Lector Cora Hudik  
Worship Assistant Sue Diddens  
Sound System Troy Doubler and open  
Greeters Chris & Angie Brinker and Sheridan & Mary Beth Brinker  
Ushers Bill & Jean Engle and Paul & Shirley Fox  
Elevator Operator Donna Gullickson

### **July 8**

Lector Tena Rackow  
Acolyte Kayla Runkle  
Assisting Minister Wayne Kurth  
Worship Assistant Cora Hudik  
Communion Ushers Beth Martin and Andrew Martin  
Communion Assistant Jay & Michelle Andrews  
Sound System Denny Luke and open  
Greeters Curt & Sue Diddens and Troy & Cindy Doubler  
Ushers Virgil & Joanne Martin and Robert & Sharon Schlachter  
Elevator Operator Willie Kayser

### **July 15**

Lector Larry Fulfs  
Assisting Minister Jay Andrews  
Greeters Bill & Jean Engle and Paul & Shirley Fox  
Ushers Jerry & Beth Martin

### **July 22**

Lector Tena Rackow  
Acolyte Jarred Runkle  
Assisting Minister Krista Keene  
Worship Assistant Sheila Keene  
Communion Ushers Virgil and Tim Gordon  
Communion Assistant Mary Beth Brinker and Sue Diddens  
Sound System Wayne Kurth and open  
Greeters Donna Gullickson and Willie Kayser  
Ushers Chris & Angie Brinker and Jay and Michelle Andrews  
Elevator Operator Sue Diddens

### **July 29**

Lector Cora Hudik  
Acolyte Madilyn Diddens  
Assisting Minister Sheila Keene  
Worship Assistant Krista Keene  
Communion Ushers Virgil & Joanne Martin  
Communion Assistant Troy & Cindy Doubler  
Sound System Denny Luke and open  
Greeters Janis & Wayne Kurth and Jerry & Beth Martin  
Ushers Mike Geiseman,, Darlene Aurand and Donna Gullickson, Troy Keene  
Elevator Operator Anna & Kristy Patterson

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

## **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!**

#### **Office Closed**

**July 4**  
**July 5**  
**July 9**  
**July 10**  
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**July 15**  
**July 19**  
**July 20**  
**July 28**  
**July 29**

**Hannah Circle 9:00 am**

**Parkinson Support Group 1:30 pm**

**Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center 9:45 am**

**Council Meeting 6:30 pm**

**Friendship Club Potluck/Entertainment 12:00pm**

**Fellowship Sunday Worship/Potluck Luncheon 9:30 am**

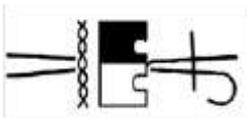
**Good Shepherd at Friendship Center for Devotions & Dessert 1:00pm**

**LOMC Swing Choir Concert 7:00 pm**

**Men's Group 4:30 pm**

**5th Sunday Grace Worship 9:30 am**

For More Good Shepherd  
Pictures and highlights go to  
**Facebook: "GSLClenall,"**  
or [www.GoodShepherdLena.org](http://www.GoodShepherdLena.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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NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE for the August 2018  
Newsletter is July 15, 2018  
Thank You!