

## The SHEPHERD'S VOICE September 2018

*Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands—O prosper the work of our hands! (Psalm 90:17)*

Sisters and brothers of Good Shepherd, it is September—Quilt Sunday is coming. This year we will celebrate Quilt Sunday on September 30 (Make sure to mark your calendar!). During worship we will give thanks for the hands of quilters and bless the quilts which will become physical messengers of God's grace to the world. As I write this article, the Piece Corps has made 533 quilts of love since last October, and I am sure the quilters will make more by Quilt Sunday.

The Piece Corps Quilters gather every Wednesday (including July 4 this year) from 8 am to 11 am or so depending on good timing to quit working. The quilters are dedicated, hard workers. Through rain or shine or snow, they gather at the Fellowship Hall and make beautiful quilts. Many of you have heard about how the Piece Corps Quilters started when Joyce received a call to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Since 1974 Good Shepherd has created 15,418 quilts of comfort and love. That's quite an accomplishment, and I am very proud of our quilting ministry.

Do you know that it takes a village to make one quilt? I've been watching many hands involved in quilt making. For instance, some cut the squares, others sort out the squares, some iron the cloths for cutting, some tear off the hems of cloths, and others sew together the squares. Some cut battings, some tie the quilts, some pin the corners, some sew the corners together and pile the quilts up on chairs, and some box them. I was talking to a quilter the other day that she told me that the Piece Corps has been blessed with materials; they have always had an abundance of materials. She is right. I've witnessed our members and other people in community bringing bags and boxes full of materials for quilts. All the hands and feet and wheels and mouths (Please tell others about our Piece Corps ministry!) make it possible to share God's abundant grace with others.

When I touch and bless each quilt, I think of the kingdom of God because God's people come together to share the love of God, and each quilt is a reminder of God's warmth and presence. I encourage you to be a part of this blessing, too.

Peace in Christ, Pr. Miho



Food Pantry  
Donations Needed

## **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.

The Food Pantry is in need of **BOX DINNERS** such as, hamburger, tuna, chicken helper. At this time we have an abundance of macaroni & cheese.



*Northern Illinois Mobile Food Pantry  
Will be returning to Lena on **September 18th** from  
**4:00- 6:00pm**. It will be at the Lena Food Pantry at  
130 1/2 West Main Street, in the back of the build-  
ing. Please bring bags or boxes and ID*

## September Meetings at Good Shepherd

**PIECE CORPS QUILTERS** will meet Wednesday September, 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>.

**HANNAH CIRCLE** will meet Thursday September 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at the home of Rene' Johnson, this will be a potluck.

**PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP** will meet Monday September 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall with guess speaker Brandy Travis from Midland State Bank will discuss "Identify Theft".

**HYMN SING** at the Lena Living Center will be Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** meets on Wednesday September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB** will meet Thursday September 13<sup>th</sup> at noon for a Potluck Luncheon & entertainment with "*Glenda and Gloria.*"

**MEN'S GROUP MEETING** Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.

**GOOD SHEPHERD** at Lena Food Pantry Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup>.



### *Lena Fall Festival is Coming Soon September 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 2018*

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.



# Rally Day

**Sunday September 23rd  
10:30am - 12:00pm  
@ Good Shepherd Lutheran  
118 E. Mason Street**



**Questions?  
Contact the office.  
Good Shepherd  
Lutheran Church  
118 E. Mason Street  
Lena, IL 61048  
phone : 815-369-5552**

E-mail:  
[goodshepherdlc@mediacombb.net](mailto:goodshepherdlc@mediacombb.net)

**Walking Tacos  
LIVE Musical Chair  
Giant Jenga  
Cookie Decorating  
Card Making  
Shrink Fun  
and MORE**



**Pre-Rally Day Fun  
September 22  
Saturday 9am-11am**

- cooking taco meat
- baking cookies
- set up games, etc.



And.....  
The first day of Sunday School is September 30th

## 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, 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.



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 August Newsletter.*

## 2018 Good Shepherd Church Directory

The new pictorial directory will be coming soon, first proof will be viewed August 14th, after review and any changes that need to be completed then after the final approval it will go to the printer.

## Upcoming Events

September 22 (Saturday) Pre-Rally Day Fun 9am-11 am

Baking cookies, making taco meat, set-up Jenga, etc.

September 23 (Sunday) Rally Day 10:30am-12:00 pm

September 29 (Saturday) Wine and Cheese Tasting at

Donna Gullickson's house 6 pm

September 30 (Sunday) GRACE worship, Quilt Sunday,

Installation of Teachers, and 1<sup>st</sup> Day of SUNDAY SCHOOL.

October 8 (Monday) FHN Flue Shot at the Fellowship Hall 12pm-3 pm

October 14 (Sunday) Autumn Fest at LOMC, Oregon, IL 11am- 4 pm

October 31 (Wednesday) Happy Reformation Day!



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH**

**AT 9:30AM**

**FOR**

**GRACE WORSHIP**

**OUR GRACE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE WILL HAVE MODERN SONGS LED BY A GUITAR/KEYBOARD.**

**THE SONGS WILL HAVE VERY MEANINGFUL WORDS THAT YOU CAN JOIN IN EASILY.**

**PLEASE COME & BRING OTHERS WITH YOU TO ENJOY THIS RELAXED SERVICE.**

**NEED A RIDE? CALL THE OFFICE 369-5552**



*All are invited to our  
Annual Wine and Cheese Evening*

*Donna Gullickson will be hosting a wine and cheese evening on **September 29th**. The fun and fellowship will begin at **6:00pm**. Please bring your favorite wine, pop or*

*lemonade as well as some cheese or other finger foods.*

*Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the evening.*

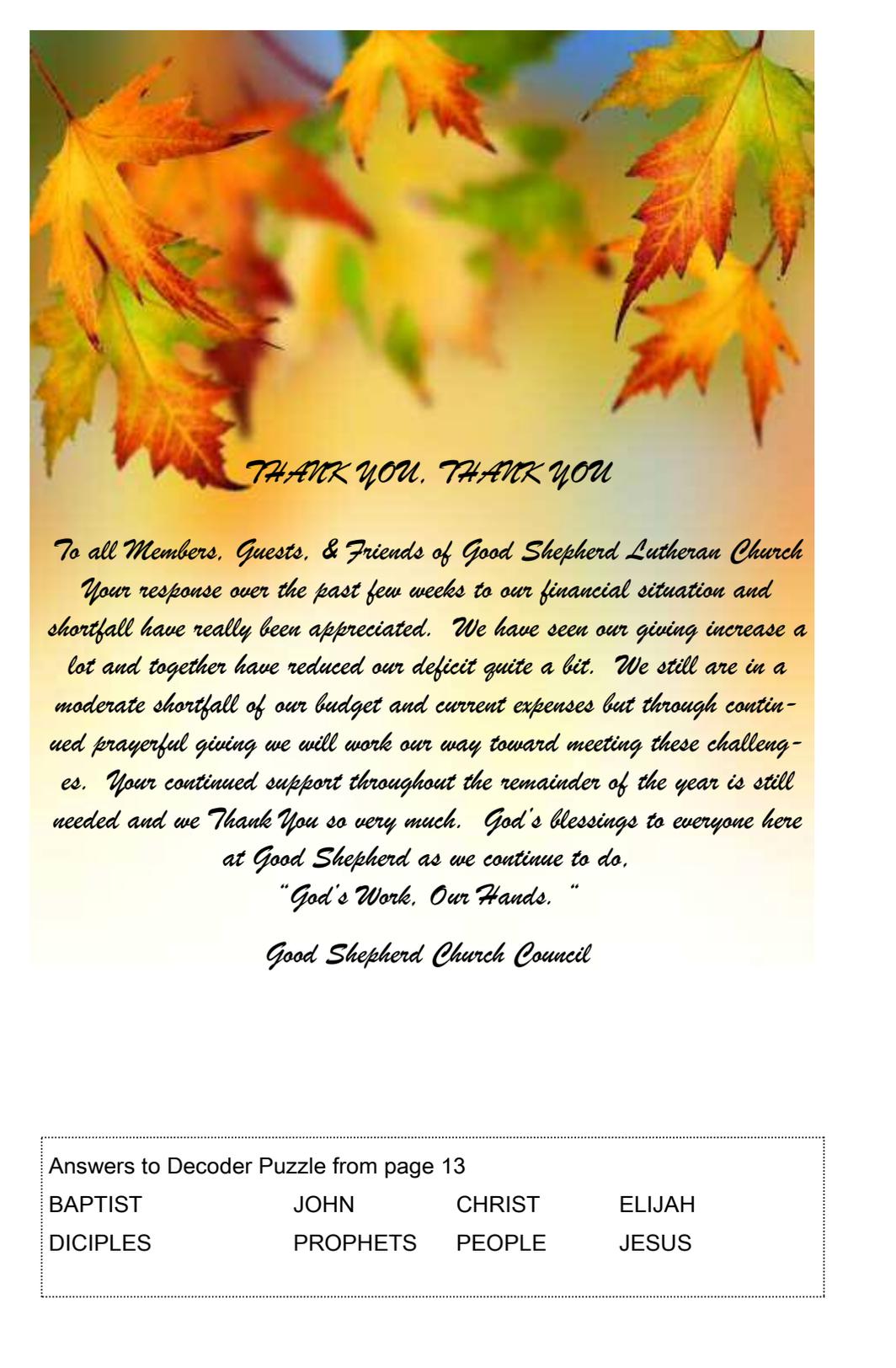


# Happy Birthday

## September Birthdays

09-01 Tim Tessororf  
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 missed your birthday (or someone in your family)  
please call the office so that we may update our records!



*THANK YOU. THANK YOU*

*To all Members, Guests, & Friends of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*

*Your response over the past few weeks to our financial situation and shortfall have really been appreciated. We have seen our giving increase a lot and together have reduced our deficit quite a bit. We still are in a moderate shortfall of our budget and current expenses but through continued prayerful giving we will work our way toward meeting these challenges. Your continued support throughout the remainder of the year is still needed and we Thank You so very much. God's blessings to everyone here at Good Shepherd as we continue to do,*

*"God's Work, Our Hands. "*

*Good Shepherd Church Council*

Answers to Decoder Puzzle from page 13

BAPTIST

JOHN

CHRIST

ELIJAH

DICIPLES

PROPHETS

PEOPLE

JESUS

### Hannah Circle

Hannah Circle will meet on Thursday, September 6th at the home of Rene' Johnson at 621 Deer Trail Drive, Lena. This will be a potluck, no hostess.

We will begin a new Bible Study on Repentance from the September 2018 issue of "Gather Magazine". "Turn, Turn, Turn: A time for faithful repentance is written by Meghan Johnston Aelabouni. Session one: Turning to God, time after time.

This fall's Bible theme of repentance. What does it mean to repent, and why is repentance important in the life of Christian faith. Over the next three months we will ponder how repentance shapes our relationship with God (September), our relationship with others (October), and how we as a church relate with the world (November).

We would love for you to join us. Our sessions are very informal. Don't think you have to know your Bible backward and forward to join us. God takes us on this journey each month and we follow where he leads us. We try to bring God's word into our daily lives, in our time, space and life experiences. We always have extra magazines, contact Rene' Johnson or Pastor Miho to get one.

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



*God of grace, we give you thanks for the gift of repentance, which turns us again to your gracious love and renews us in your grace. You know the ways in which we have lost ourselves, and you promise to restore us. Help us always to trust in you, so that time after time, we may turn to you to find hope and new life.*

*In Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen*

*(from Gather, September 2018, p.27)*



Northern Illinois Synod,  
Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
30<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention.

Saturday, September 22, 2018  
Trinity Lutheran Church, 504 E Diggins St.,  
Harvard, IL 60033.

*Theme: "Hope for the Homeless" - Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."*

Matthew 8:20

Morning Message: Bishop Jeffery Clements

Keynote Speakers: Carrie Freund—McHenry County PADS Manager/  
Health residential Manager  
Elena Morgan—McHenry County PADS Guest  
Service Coordinator

Coffee & Registrations at 8:00 am. Registration Fee: \$35.00 per person  
Registration forms in church office.



Good Morning All

***A Prayer to begin the school day***

*Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.  
(Ps. 25:4)*

***Christ be with me: in you I am never alone.***

***Christ be within me: your Spirit is at work in me.***

***Christ behind me: reassure me when I struggle.***

***Christ before me: lead me when I am uncertain.***

***Christ beneath me: support me when I am weak.***

***Christ above me: encourage me to do my best.***

***Christ in quiet: I listen for the sound of your voice.***

***Christ in danger: I will not fear, for you are with me.***

***In all things, O God, you are our way, our truth, and our life.***

***Teach me to love you and my neighbors as myself.***

***I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.***

(Based on the Prayer of St. Patrick) from *Bread for the day* daily bible  
readings and prayers



# Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet.  
Substitute the correct letter for the numbers  
to reveal the coded words.

U 1	D 2	S 3	A 4	B 5	Z 6	G 7	H 8	N 9	F 10
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K 11	L 12	P 13	R 14	Y 15	Q 16	E 17	T 18	M 19	J 20
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X 21	W 22	V 23	C 24	O 25	I 26
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- 2-26-3-24-26-13-12-17-3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 13-17-25-13-12-17 \_\_\_\_\_
- 20-25-8-9 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5-4-13-18-26-3-18 \_\_\_\_\_
- 17-12-26-20-4-8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 13-14-25-13-8-17-18-3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 24-8-14-26-3-18 \_\_\_\_\_
- 20-17-3-1-3 \_\_\_\_\_

Answers to puzzle on page 9

**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 2018 \_\_\_\_\_

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) or 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

## Highlights from August Council Meeting

- The Treasurer's Report as presented by Jay Andrews was approved. The July gas bill was \$82.90 and the electric bill was \$157.09.
- Pastor's Report included the following events: Aug 24 Blessing of the Back Packs; Aug 27 – 31 Pastor's vacation; and Sept. 29 Pedal for a Purpose Celebration, a fund-raiser for LOMC. Pastor also reminds parishioners to continue collecting socks for Advent and Christmas seasons. The socks will then be donated to appropriate organizations. Kristy Patterson moved to accept the report and Don Wienand approved. All agreed.
- On behalf of the Learning Committee, Kristy Patterson acknowledged Sept. 23 Rally Day with preparations the day prior and the beginning of Sunday School Sept. 30.
- Troy Doubler said the Men's Group completed the trimming of the bushes around the church property.
- All agreed to accept committee reports as moved by Kristy Patterson and seconded by Troy Doubler.
- Denny Luke said the first draft of the church directory has been received. Several small revisions will be made prior to resubmission. Everyone who participated is to receive a free 8 x 10 photo and directory.
- In new business, Council: Learned a booth has been reserved for the Lions Fall Festival Sept. 7-8: Agreed to move the September meeting to Wed., Sept. 12, to accommodate Pastor's schedule: and were advised there are upcoming learning opportunities for Council members to attend if desired.
- A complete copy of minutes will be posted on bulletin board.

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

Incoming July 2018	\$14,345.00
Expenses July 2018	\$9,465.22
Net Income (Loss)	\$4,879.78
Income, Year to Date 2018	\$72,803.85
Expenses, Year to Date 2018	\$76,436.23

## September Worship Volunteers

### September 2

Lector	Karen Niemeier
Acolyte	Ashtyn Brinker
Assisting Minister	Krista Keene
Worship Assistant	Vivian Hesselbacher
Communion Ushers	Jerry and Beth Martin
Communion Assistant	Troy and Cindy Doubler
Sound System	Jay Andrews and Hanna Brinker
Greeters	Bill and Jean Engel, Paul and Shirley Fox
Ushers	Chris and Angie Brinker, Troy and Sheila Keene
Elevator Operator	Sue Diddens

### September 9

Lector	Beth Martin
Acolyte	Ethan Fye
Assisting Minister	Jay Andrews
Worship Assistant	Cora Hudik
Communion Ushers	Chris and Angie Brinker
Communion Assistant	Shirley Fox and Sheila Keene
Sound System	Wayne Kurth and Ashtyn Brinker
Greeters	Vivian Hesselbacher, Willie Kayser, Troy and Sheila Keene
Ushers	Andrew Martin, Larry Fulfs, Jim Swain and Denny Luke
Elevator Operator	Jean Engel

### September 16

Lector	Karen Niemeier
Acolyte	Hanna Brinker
Assisting Minister	Sheila Keene
Worship Assistant	Krista Keene
Communion Ushers	Troy and Krista Keene
Communion Assistant	Ashtyn Brinker and Sue Diddens
Sound System	Denny Luke and Ethan Fye
Greeters	Jerry and Beth Martin Tena Rackow and Marybeth Brinker
Ushers	Virgil Gordon and Tim Gordon Troy and Cindy Doubler
Elevator Operator	Wayne Kurth

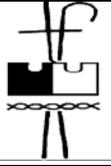
### September 23

Lector	Beth Martin
Acolyte	Jacob Runkle
Assisting Minister	Wayne Kurth
Worship Assistant	Sheila Keene
Communion Ushers	Andrew Martin and Larry Fulfs
Communion Assistant	Beth Martin and Marybeth Brinker
Sound System	Troy Doubler and Hanna Brinker
Greeters	Robert and Sharon Schlachter Chris and Angie Brinker,
Ushers	Jay and Michelle Andrews Paul and Shirley Fox
Elevator Operator	Denny Luke

### September 30

Lector	Shirley Fox
Acolyte	Kayla Runkle
Assisting Minister	Krista Keene
Worship Assistant	Janis Kurth
Communion Ushers	Virgil Gordon and Tim Gordon
Communion Assistant	Marybeth Brinker and Sue Diddens
Sound System	Wayne Kurth and Ashtyn Brinker
Greeters	Marybeth Brinker, Sue Diddens Gary and Cynthia Boeke,
Ushers	Virgil and Joanne Martin Robert and Sharon Schlachter
Elevator Operator	Anna and 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



# September 2018

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lena, IL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship 11:00am Choir Practice	<b>3</b> Office Closed Labor Day	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters	<b>6</b> 9:00 am Hannah Circle at Rene' Johnson's home - potluck	<b>7</b> <b>8</b> Lena Fall Festival GS-Hospitality Tent Friday Night and Saturday Afternoon Float in Parade on Saturday	
<b>9</b> 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship 11:00am Choir Practice	<b>10</b> 1:30 pm Parkinson Support Group Meeting. Guest Speaker, Brandy Travis from Midland State Bank	<b>11</b> 9:45 am Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center	<b>12</b> 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters 6:30pm Council Meeting	<b>13</b> 12:00 pm Friendship Club Potluck luncheon and entertainment by Glenda & Gloria	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
	Pr. Miho at Professional Leaders Conference, Sinsinawa					
<b>16</b> 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship 11:00am Choir Practice 5:00pm Chime Practice	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters	<b>20</b> 1:00 pm Good Shepherd at Friendship Center Devotions and Desserts	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Good Shepherd at Lena Food Pantry 9-11am Pre -Rally Day Fun
<b>23</b> 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship Rally Day 11:00am Choir Practice 5:00pm Chime Practice	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 4:30pm Men's Group 6:00pm Wine and Cheese tasting at the home of Donna Gullickson
<b>30</b> 9:30am GRACE Worship & Quilt Sunday Service 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Sunday School 11:00am Choir Practice 5:00pm Chime Practice	Communion Set-up/Clean up September 2—Vivian Hesselbacher September 9—Vivian Hesselbacher September 16—Lisa Wienand September 23—Lisa Wienand September 30 - Troy and Cindy Doubler					

## 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

Betty Allen

### Month's Highlights!

September 6

Hannah Circle 9:00am

September 7 & 8

Lena Fall Festival

September 10

Parkinson Support Group 1:30pm

September 11

Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center 9:45am

September 13

Friendship Club Potluck/Entertainment 12:00pm

September 30

5th Sunday Grace Worship and Quilt Sunday

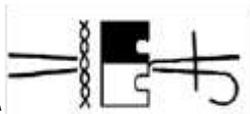
Service 9:30 am

September 29

Men's Group Meeting 4:30pm

For More Good Shepherd  
Pictures and highlights go to  
**Facebook: "GSLC Lena!"**  
or [www.GoodShepherdLena.org](http://www.GoodShepherdLena.org)

**NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE for October 2018  
Newsletter is September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.  
Thank You!**



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