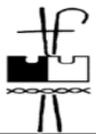


The SHEPHERD'S VOICE
October 2018



"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." Mark 10:14

Rally Day went well. I would like to thank all the parents and grandparents for bringing their children to church and encouraging them to learn about Jesus through playing and eating together. I enjoy watching children playing with play-doh, running around the live musical chairs, quietly coloring the shrink fun sheets, having their faces and arms painted, and giggling while playing Giant Jenga. The food was good, of course. We all enjoyed walking tacos, lemonade, and cookies which our children decorated and shared with adults. Kids and adults, everyone had a good time. Thank you for those who stepped in helping set-up and clean-up. Everyone's contributions made this year's Rally Day a great success. I especially thank our learning committee members for their love for children and for their creative ways to serve children. Thank you.

Jesus loved children. He loved them the way they were. During his ministry, parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts, and maybe neighbors were bringing children to Jesus asking him to touch them so that they would receive God's blessings. Can you imagine so many little children in the same place? I bet it would cause lots of commotions—children bumping into each other, laughing and screaming, and maybe some crying. No wonder the disciples became antsy and tried to establish order in such chaos (read Mark 10:13). But Jesus told his disciples not to stop the children but let them come to him. Wow. If you were the disciples, how would you feel? Embarrassed? Upset? Angry? I would feel embarrassed and disappointed in myself for being mean. But if we put ourselves in the parents' shoes, how would you feel? Relieved? Assured? Grateful?

Jesus still embraces children as they are. He loves them with their endless energy. In the same way Jesus embraces his disciples the way they are—with their (and our) passions, weakness, and limitations. All of us are learning to become hands and feet of Jesus on earth. As God's people we laugh, sing, pray, make mistakes, and learn together to grow in the heart of God in the world. We are in this journey together, my friends. God's grace be with you. Pr. Miho



Wrapped in God's Quilt

Are you lonely or cold?

Do you need a smile, a hug, a friend?

Come tuck your self under God's cozy quilt

And find peace and warmth beneath its loving squares

It is fashioned in colors of the gentle earth—

Warm hues of the setting sun and the promised light of the rising moon.

It holds bright sparkles of twinkling stars and vivid streaks of lightning,

Soft sailing clouds and breaking ocean waves

Floating feathers from soaring eagles and ever hovering angels,

The gentle fragrance of rose petals

The soft green lace of seaweed and the magic of a four-leaf clover

The frolicking play of a playful puppy, the sweet purr of a contented cat

The warm waft of grandma's baked biscuits and the sweetness of candied apples

The whisper of wise souls, and the laughter of a giggling child

This quilt is sown in joy and fastened with heavenly home and peaceful power,

Tied together with the golden youn of love;

Separate squares brought together and united as one.

This quilt holds our thought and hopes and prayers

Pieces of the lives we share,

Remnants of the past melded with the fragile promise of tomorrow

Here in the touch of today,

The promise of forever

All waiting inside God's quilt

Come, wrap its warmth around you

It's waiting just for you

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Hannah Circle will meet on Thursday, October 4th at 9:00am at the home of Rene' Johnson, 621 Deer Trail Drive, Lena, IL. Rene' is the Bible Study Leader. This is Potluck.

We continue our Bible Study on Repentance in the October, 2018 Gather Magazine. Turn, turn, turn: A time for faithful repentance is written by Meghan Johnston Aelabouni. Session Two: Turning to others. This fall's repent, and why is repentance important in the life of Christian faith? This month we will focus on our relationship with others.

All are welcome to join us. Our sessions are very informal. We always have extra magazines. Contact Rene' Johnson or Pastor Miho to get one.

Stubbs Family Update

Following Carol's passing there was a service on the 5th of May at her family's church, St. John's near West Bend, WI. The Kettle Moraine Symphony Orchestra donated a tree that was planted in her memory on May 14th at her church.

On June 20th there was a memorial service at First Lutheran Church in DeKalb, IL. A special choir comprised of First Lutheran and former NICC Members made a memorial evening.

Then in Tanzania, the music students dedicated their final concert to Carol Stubbs on July 15th. I can only say "thank you" to the many people that have shared condolences, thanksgiving memories, prayers and other support during these past months. Megan and Emmanuel's wedding was amazing and beautiful. Megan and Emmanuel were married in Dar es Salaam on April 5th. They now live in Arusha. Emmanuel is the Artistic Director at CAC, I have the honor of working with him. Megan received her Masters Degree Certificate from Sibelius Academy in Finland.

We are getting our routines including studying scriptures and praying together.

Thank you for your continued prayers.



Rally Day Fun



GIANT JENGA

Cookie Time



October Meetings at Good Shepherd

PROPERTY COMMITTEE will meet on October 2nd at 6:00pm

PIECE CORPS QUILTERS will meet Wednesday October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and the 31st.

HANNAH CIRCLE will meet Thursday October 4th at 9:00am at the home of Rene' Johnson

PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP will meet Monday October 8th from 12:00pm until 3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Flu Shots will be available to the public from 12:00pm-3:00pm from the FHN Flu Shot.

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

CHURCH COUNCIL meets on Tuesday October 9th at 6:30pm.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB will meet Thursday October 11th at noon for a Potluck Dinner & entertainment by Red Bird Country.

Family Outing to LOMC Autumn Fest, Sunday October 14th from 11:00am-4:00pm

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY, October 21st.

MEN'S GROUP STEAK FRY Saturday October 27th at 4:30pm.

GOOD SHEPHERD at Lena Food Pantry Saturday October 27th

REFORMATION SUNDAY, October 28th

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY November 4th

Devotion Books

October issue of Pockets and October-December issue of Christ in Our Homes and The Word in Season are available now. These devotion books are helpful way to grow-
ing our faith. Take one home today!

Highlights from October Council Meetings

- Jay Andrews presented the Treasurer's Report which included the August gas bill of \$126.14 and electric bill of \$209.36. A proposal from Amy Powers at Citizens State Bank Trust Department to move funds from the church's trust endowment fund toward the purchase of a security fund was discussed. Virgil Gordon made a motion to not make the change and to leave the current fund stand as is. The motion received a second by Bari Raymer. Full Council agreed.
 - Pastor Miho pointed out several items in her report including a thank you from Lena-Winslow for support of the Le-Win Staff Appreciation Picnic. Upcoming events include hosting of the FHN Flu Shot program at the church October 8; The NW Conference meeting at Good Shepherd Oct. 10 and Pastor Bob from First Lutheran from Mount Carroll will provide a synod visit at the next Council meeting.
 - Committee reports were also given. Denny Luke said special services on the 5th Sunday of every month have been well-received. Luke also gave each Council member a copy of the pictorial directory. Photographs have been mailed to all parishioners who participated.
 - Kristy Patterson said plans for Rally Day have been made along with a trip to LOMC for Sunday School students and staff on Oct. 14.
 - Troy Doubler announced a wine stomp event to be held at Massbach Winery Sept. 29 at 1 pm. All committee reports were approved with Kristy Patterson making a motion and Virgil Gordon offering a second.
 - In new business, Pastor Miho said progress is being made on the revisions to the Constitution. The document will be sent to the Synod for approval before being presented to the congregation for final approval.
 - Jay Andrews said this is the open enrollment period for Pastor's Portico health plan. Currently offered is the Gold Plus Plan which is recommended by the ELCA. The 2019 premium will be slightly lower than the 2018 plan based on Pastor's current compensation package. Troy Doubler made a motion to continue the Gold Plus Plan and Kristy Patterson seconded. Council approved unanimously.
 - Council heard a recommendation from Darci Meier to incorporate a message into the program requesting members respect the prelude as a time of silence and reflection before the service begins. Different methods of acknowledging this time were offered.
- A motion to adjourn was made by Virgil Gordon and seconded by Kristy Patterson.

Treasurer's Report from Treasurer Jay Andrews

Incoming August 2018	\$ 7,001.41
Expenses August 2018	\$10,266.84
Net Income (Loss)	\$(3,265.43)
Income, Year to Date 2018	\$79,805.26
Expenses, Year to Date 2018	\$84,703.07
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (6,897.81)

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY—NOVEMBER 4th

We will remember each "Saint" or loved one that died since November of 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. The name of each will be read during a prayer.

If you would like your loved ones to be remembered on All Saints Sunday service please call the church office at (815)369-5552 by October 30th.



Prayer for Farmers

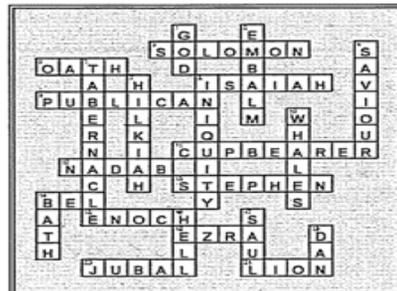
Abundant God, we give you thanks for the fruitful earth, which produces what is needed for life. Bless those who work in the fields; grant favorable weather to all engaged in agriculture; and help us to ensure

that all people share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Puzzle Answer:



October Birthdays

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| 10-03 Chase Huneke | 10-17 Leesa Kurth |
| 10-04 Doug Wybourn | 10-18 Sherry Freitag |
| 10-05 Vivian Hesselbacher | 10-18 Jennifer Gile |
| 10-05 Jim Doyle | 10-22 Dennis Bergman |
| 10-06 Beth Fahr | 10-24 Greg Andrews |
| 10-06 Cindy Fahr | 10-25 Taryon Cornwell |
| 10-07 Rene' Johnson | 10-26 Fern Harnish |
| 10-08 Brice Swift | 10-26 Joanne Martin |
| 10-08 Lisa Schlichting | 10-26 Duane Torkelson |
| 10-09 Krista Keene | 10-26 Kyle Albrecht |
| 10-10 Joyce Tesdahl | 10-27 Jonathan Hudik |
| 10-10 Val Ockerman | 10-27 Danielle Koning |
| 10-10 Brad Smith | 10-28 Kurt Schlichting |
| 10-13 Stacy (Lones) Johnson | 10-29 Mike Meyers |
| 10-15 Steve Wybourn | 10-29 Tricia Meyers |
| 10-15 Troy Keene | 10-30 Jason Huneke |
| 10-16 Jeff Raders | 10-30 Lance Mueller |
| 10-17 Dustin Drye | 10-31 Sean Cory |

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, 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.

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



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 tooth brushes, toothpaste, shampoo. These items can be placed in the Food Pantry boxes and on the table in the Sanctuary.

Thank you for your support and participation with Mobile Food Pantry on September 18th
We served 65 families.

QUILT RAFFLE

WE HAD 65 ENTRIES FOR THE QUILT RAFFLE. VICKIE CURRAN AND JEN HOWARTH WERE THE WINNERS. BOTH WINNERS HAVE PICKED UP THEIR QUILTS WITH GREAT JOY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.



2018 Lena Fall Festival



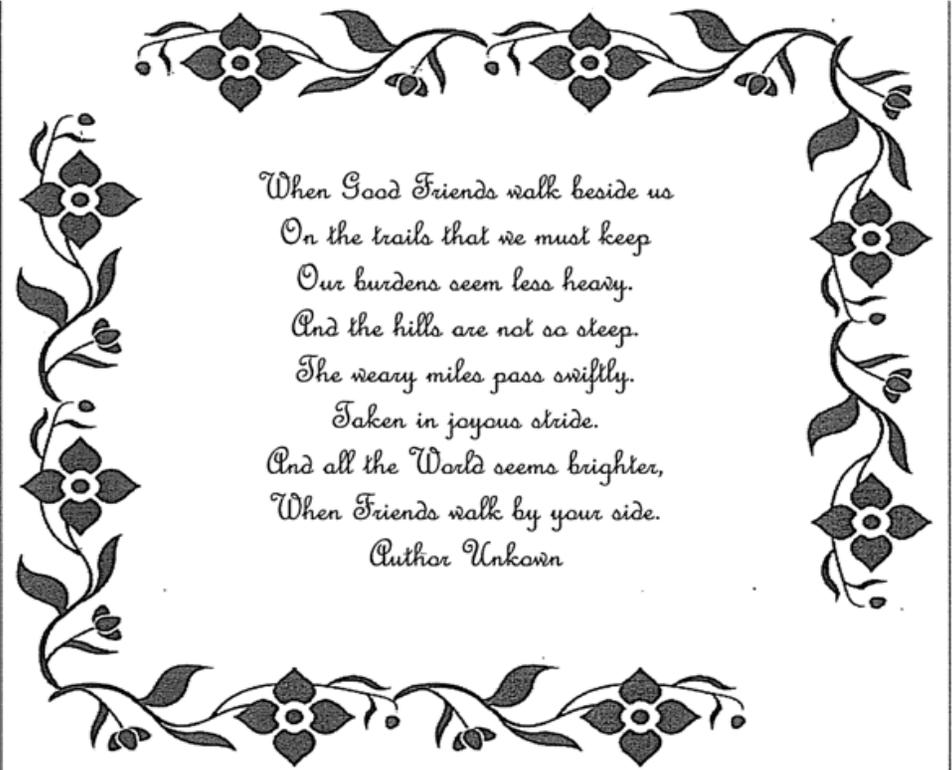
We would like to thank Tim Gordon and everyone that helped with creating our float for Good Shepherd. Everyone's hard work is greatly appreciated.

Friendship Club

The Lena Friendship Club is a non-denominational club sponsored by the Lutheran Social Service of Illinois and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The club started October 21, 1959.

We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 12:00pm (noon) for potluck lunch and entertainment by local musicians

We invite and welcome all older folks to our club for fun, food and fellowship. If you cannot come for potluck, come to the meeting!



Friendship club has NO DUES...FREE WILL OFFERING
Bring a friend or make an new one. We invite all older folks to our club for fun, food and fellowship.

For more information:

Phone (815) 369-5552 or
email goodshepherdllc@medicombb.net



Our Quilt Ministry and Piece Corps had another successful year. Over 600+ quilts were made this year. Thank you to everyone for their help and support. None of this would be possible without the help of many, many hands and donations. Thank you

Mens Group

The Good Shepherd Mens Group will hold their annual steak fry on Saturday, October 27th at 4:30pm. Cost of the meal will be \$13.00.



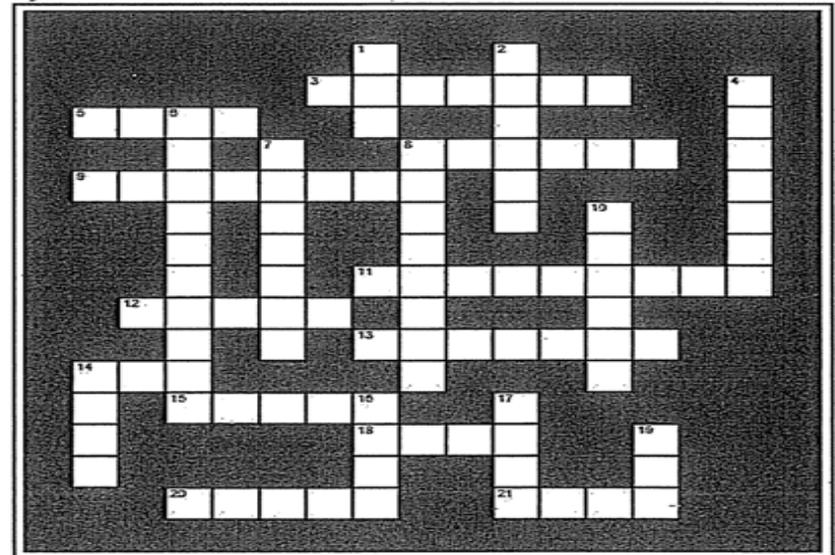
My Friends Closet Thrift Store
My Friends Closet depends on volunteers. We are always in the position of looking for more willing hands. If you or anyone you know might be interested in helping us at the store, please call Fawn Nolan at 815-369-4035 during the day. We are open 9:00am-4:00pm Monday through Saturday with extended hours on Wednesday evening until 8pm. We offer servant hours to students also. check us out!



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

Bible Knowledge

By Bill Brinkworth



Across:

- 3. David's son
- 5. promise
- 8. prophetic book
- 9. tax collector
- 11. Nehemiah
- 12. offered strange fire
- 13. stoned to death
- 14. Babylonian false god
- 15. Cain's son
- 18. 15th O. T. book
- 20. father of harp
- 21. Samson killed

Down

- 1. prophecy author
- 2. preserve corpse
- 4. Jesus
- 6. 1st "church"
- 7. Jeremiah's father
- 8. sin
- 10. created on 5th day
- 14. liquid measure
- 16. place of torment
- 17. O. T. king
- 19. Jacob's son

Answers on page 13, no peeking





October 2018 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Lena, IL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 10:00am-12:00pm Pr Miho at PLC meeting , LOMC Oregon 6:00pm Property Committee meeting	3 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters	4 9:00am Hannah Circle at the home of Rene' Johnson	5	6
7 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Sunday School/Confirmation Class 11:00am Choir Practice 2:30pm Good Shepherd at Lena Living Center Sunday Worship 5:00pm Chime Practice	8 1:30pm Parkinson Support Group 12:00pm-3:00pm FHN Flu Shots	9 9:45am Hymn Sing Lena Living Center 6:30pm Council Meeting	10 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters 9:00am-12:00pm Pr. Miho at NW Conf. Meeting Good Shepherd, Lena	11 12:00pm Friendship Club Potluck entertainment by Red Bird Country	12	13
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October Worship Volunteers

October 7th

Lector Michelle Andrews
Acolyte Jared Runkle
Assisting Minister Brianna Andrews
Worship Assistant Marybeth Brinker
Communion Assistant Troy and Cindy Doubler
Communion Ushers Virgil and Joanne Martin
Sound System Jay Andrews and Ashtyn Brinker
Greeters Troy and Cindy Doubler, Bill and Jean Engel
Ushers Jerry and Beth Martin, Chris and Angie Brinker
Elevator Operator Taylor and Kristy Patterson

October 14th

Lector Janis Kurth
Acolyte Sunday School Youth
Assisting Minister Krista Keene
Worship Assistant Denny Luke
Communion Assistant Beth Martin and Shirley Fox
Communion Ushers Bill and Jean Engel
Sound System Troy Doubler and Ethan Fye
Greeters Paul and Shirley Fox, Donna Gullickson,
Vivian Hesselbacher
Ushers Troy Keene, Mike Geiseman, Andrew Martin,
Larry Flufs
Elevator Operator Chris Brinker

October 21st

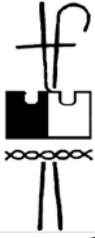
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Acolyte Maddi Diddens
Assisting Minister Sheila Keene
Worship Assistant Brianna Andrews
Communion Assistant Marybeth Brinker and Sue Diddens
Communion Ushers Bill and Jean Engel
Sound System Denny Luke and Hanna Brinker
Greeters Marybeth Brinker, Willie Kayser,
Robert and Sharon Schlachter
Ushers Jim Swain, Tim Gordon, Virgil Gordon,
Vivian Hesselbacher
Elevator Operator Sue Diddens

October 28th

Lector Janis Kurth
Acolyte Sunday School Youth
Assisting Minister Jay Andrews
Worship Assistant Kayla Runkle
Communion Assistant Shirley Fox and Denny Luke
Communion Ushers Gary and Cynthia Boeke
Sound System Troy Doubler and Ashtyn Brinker
Greeters Virgil and Joanne Martin, and Jerry and Beth Martin
Ushers Bill and Jean Engel, Paul and Shirley Fox
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

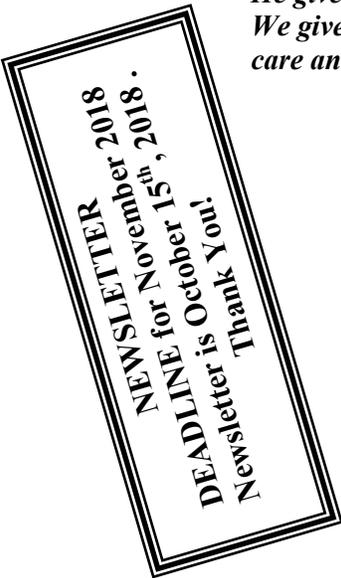


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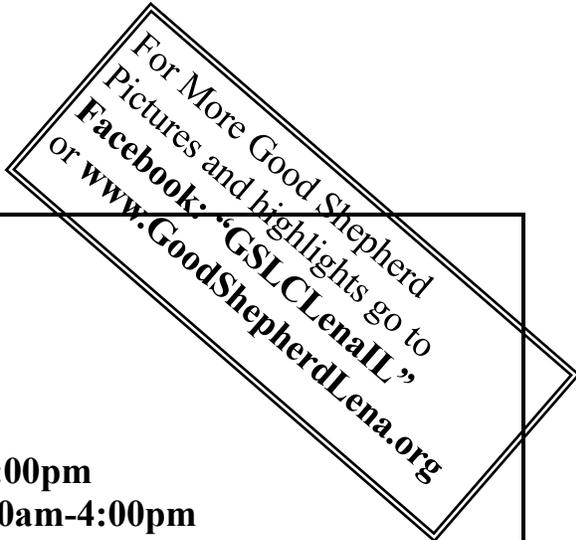
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship Service 9:30 am
 Pre-K & K Sunday School after Children's Message
 Fellowship Hour 10:30 am
 Sunday School/Confirmation Class 10:45 am
CHURCH OFFICE 815-369-5552

Pastor Pastor Miho Yasukawa
 Church Secretary Betty Allen



Month's Highlights!

- October 4 Hannah Circle 9:00am
- October 8 Parkinson Support Group 1:30pm
- October 8 FHN Flu Shot 12:00pm-3:00pm
- October 9 Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center 9:45am
- October 11 Friendship Club Potluck/Entertainment 12:00pm
- October 14 Family Outing to LOMC Autumn Fest 11:00am-4:00pm
- October 21 Confirmation Sunday
- October 24 Men's Group Steak Fry 4:30pm
- October 28 Reformation Sunday