

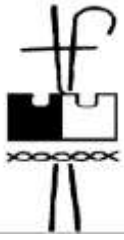
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He gives His Life for us and to us.  
We give and use our lives in love,  
care and service of one another.*

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NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE for the June 2019  
Newsletter is **May 15, 2019**  
Thank You!



## The SHEPHERD'S VOICE May 2019

*Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. (John 21:4)*

What is the color of Easter for you? Light green? Yellow? White? Or pink? Easter comes in Spring, and for me as a southerner, the Easter season is a time of flowers blooming, cherry blossoms, tulips, pansies, . . . , you name it. My memories of Easter season (I'll remind you that the Easter season is from Easter Sunday until Pentecost, which is 50 days of celebration!) are filled with newness and excitement, young leaves, sunshine, and strawberries.

But three years ago I noticed that Easter stories in the Bible take place in dim light. Women went to the tomb on Easter Sunday when it was still dark. Cleopas and his friend walked with Jesus and when it was getting dark, they entered the inn, Jesus broke bread, their eyes were opened, and they ran back to Jerusalem in darkness. Thomas and the other disciples were inside a house behind locked doors when Jesus appeared and showed them his scars. When Jesus stood on the beach, it was daybreak, not broad daylight.

I felt odd when I noticed the darkness in Easter stories because I always believed that Easter was about life, full of energy and joy. I pondered and puzzled about this until I realized that Easter stories are stories of people who are grieving their loss—the loss of hope, purpose, their friends, their community, and their life. No wonder the stories occurred in early in the morning, inside a house, or in the evening. Followers of Jesus were living day by day, trying to cope with their grief.

I like the sun's shining and bright light for my walks; yet in darkness and dim light we meet the risen Jesus. During Lent we had evening services on Wednesdays. We had small groups, sitting together at

one or two tables illuminated with candlelight. For those of us who are accustomed to electric lighting, the candle light's were tiny and dim. One evening we were trying to look at a picture in the devotion book. It was a picture of a shadow of a cross on a brick wall. I asked what we saw in the picture assuming everyone would talk about the shadow of the cross. One of our group said, "I see a person praying." Everyone at the table tried to figure out where we could see a person praying in the picture with the dim candle light's. I could not find the figure, and the person next to me traced the image—it really was like an image of a person praying similar to Jesus in the familiar Gethsemane painting. On Sunday one of our members told me that she went home and told her family about the picture. She opened up the devotion book to show the picture of the person praying to her family, but they could not find that image. The praying person appeared only under dim light.

The risen Lord appears to his disciples when they were in despair. In their grief many of them could not recognize Jesus. Jesus came in the midst of their darkness, talked to them, ate with them, listened to their struggles, and was simply present with them. I wonder if that is what new life in Christ means.

Happy Easter season to all of you! Pr. Miho

### **Fun Activity News**

**May 19 (Sun.) Bring your T-shirt to the church**

*During the Sunday School hour we will dye T-shirts for summer. Young and seasoned, bring your T-shirt!*

**May 31 (Fri.) -June 1 (Sat.) Youth OWL Night**

*Church door is open all night. Come and join anytime!*

## May Meetings at Good Shepherd

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

**HANNAH CIRCLE** will meet May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00am at Rene Johnson's home

**VBS MEETING**, May 7<sup>th</sup> at Good Shepherd at 6:00pm

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB/POTLUCK**, May 9<sup>th</sup> at noon, entertainment by Gloria Linneman.

**BACCALUREATE SERVICE**, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at UMC, Lena

**PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP** May 13<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30pm.

**HYMN SING**, Lena Living Center, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am

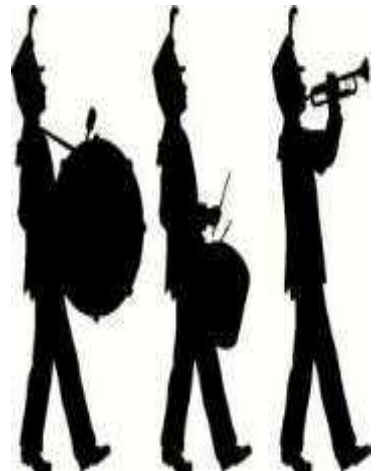
**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

**GRADUATE & TEACHER RECOGNITION/ Last Day of Sunday School** Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

**YOUTH OWL NIGHT**, May 31-June 1<sup>st</sup> 5:30pm-9:00am

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** for the June 2019 Newsletter is June 15<sup>th</sup>, Thank You!

*Thank you to our musicians  
Janis Kurth, Karen Niemeier, Tena Rackow, Michelle Andrews, Brianna Andrews, Jay Andrews, Wayne Kurth, Terry Hart, Dale Gullickson, Kristy Patterson, Sue Diddens, Cora Hudik, Sharon Schlachter, Krista Keene, Billie Jo Runkle and Kayla Runkle for all the beautiful hymns played during worship service.*





## 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  
5/14 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 missed your birthday (or someone in your family) please call the office so that we may update our records!

### Prayer Chain:

Please call the Church Office at 815-369-5552. We lift up the following loved ones who are homebound, etc. in prayer: Lois Paulsen and 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.

*O Lord, you know how often we call out to you in times of need and distress. Thank you for hearing our prayers of help. Give us an awareness of your saving presence always. Amen.*



*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)*



*Hannah Circle will meet on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 9:00 am at the home of Rene' Johnson. Lesson from the Gospel of John, "Meetings with Jesus" by Julie A Kanarr in our "Gather Magazine".*

*We will conclude with session four in the April 2019 magazine. Session Four: Seeing the Risen Christ, coming to faith. Our theme verse is Jesus' last beatitude to us: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe (John 20:29b).*

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*We will also review the list of those receiving our magazine. Please let us know if you have enjoyed getting our magazine, what your thoughts are on the articles and Bible Study. Can we keep you on our list of subscribers, can we add you to it, or would you rather not receive the magazine anymore?*

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*As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 this is our financial status. We have a total of \$1724.67 in our checking account; it breaks down as follows—Piece Corps has \$1042.80 and WELCA has \$681.87.*

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

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## **SAVE THE DATE**

**Mason churches present**

**VBS 2019**

**Friendship: A Love that Never Ends**

**July 15-18 at UMC, Lena**

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Youth OWL Night

Program includes:

- Games
- Service Project
- Night Hikes
- Movies
- all night snacks and breakfast.

For youth going into

**5th grade and older**

**Come in anytime!**



We STAY UP All night.

May 31 (Friday) 5:30pm to

June 1 (Saturday) 9am

If you have any questions, please contact the church office



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

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



*Easter Breakfast  
with our Good Shepherd family*



*Thank You*

*A HUGE thank you to Dale, Michelle, Donna, Heather, Dena, Sue, Karen, Terry, BillieJo, Angie, Caroline, Beth, Troy, Anna, Taylor, Hanna, Ashton, Krista, Kayla, Jacob, Jared, Madi, Nakoah, Lucas, Ethan, Brianna, Lukas, Penelope, Kenlee, Izzy, Pastor Keri and Pastor Miho! I'm sorry if I have missed anyone. I appreciate all your hard work! Thank you to all who participated in Easter breakfast! It sure was good!*

*Kristy Patterson*

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## Healthcare Access Transit

The Senior Resource Center now offers rides to Monroe on a **weekly** basis.

- Every Thursday you can go to Monroe to your medical appointment for a flat fee of \$50.

### How does it work?

- Schedule your appointment with your physician for a **Thursday** between 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

After you have made your appointment with your physician, call **815-235-9777** or **815-235-7433** and **press #2** to schedule your ride or for more information!

**Ride requests must be made at least 10 days in advance. Please schedule your appointments accordingly.**



## Celebrating Mothers

May 9, 1914 ,

Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia wanted to remember her own mother along with all mothers. Anna's mother had been very active in working to improve the health of people in her community. Jarvis's mother also organized a Mother's Friendship event in her community to bring confederate and union soldiers together for a peaceful celebration. Many other women such as Julia Ward Howe, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Elizabeth Smith also fought for peace and encouraged mothers to speak out. Anna Jarvis convinced her mother's church to celebrate Mother's Day on the anniversary of her mother's death, and campaigned for a national day honoring mothers. Because of Jarvis's hard work, Woodrow Wilson chose that date for the national holiday.

Mothers Day is May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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## Bible Word Search: BOOKS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

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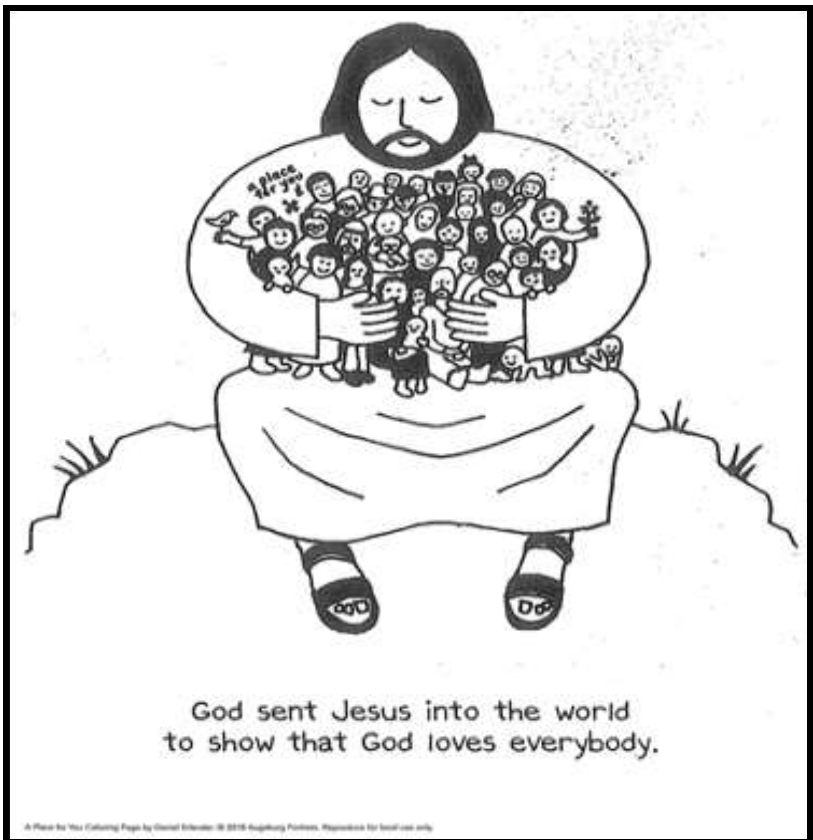
Fun Facts about Illinois:

The world's largest public library is the Chicago Public Library. It has over 2 million books!

The state dance of Illinois is Square Dancing



Brianna Fye created the "Love God"  
tree on the bulletin board by  
Fellowship Hall. Great Job!



God sent Jesus into the world  
to show that God loves everybody.

Thank you Anna Patterson for your wonderful artwork for the cover page for the Good Shepherd bulletins. We are very fortunate to have someone with your talent in our congregations.



New Sound System  
 Installation for the new sound system will begin after the Easter Holiday.

To all my church family at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, I want to take this time to Thank you all for remembering me with a card on my 98th birthday. It was a real pleasure to read all the names on the card.

Thank you to Pastor Miho and Sue Diddens for all their prayers and visits.

Betty Raders

**SOLUTION**

**Bible Word Search:**  
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## **Highlights from April Council Meetings**

- Jay Andrews presented the March Treasurer's Report which included the gas bill of \$817.62 and electric bill of \$204.16. K. Patterson made the motion to approve and Don Wienand made the second. All agreed.
- B. Raymer moved to pay the first installment of the Lena Food Pantry building rent drawing \$600 from the Lucille Baker Endowment Fund. C. Hudik made the second and Council fully approved. Good Shepherd's yearly commitment is \$1200.
- Pastor Miho gave her monthly report which included Holy Week schedules. She also reflected on how personal invitations have made a difference in welcoming others to the church.
- Pastor highlighted the recent Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center which was well-attended, plus future May events including Devotion and Desserts at the Friendship Center May 16; Teacher Recognition Sunday May 19; Sunday service at Lena Living Center May 19 and the Youth OWL Night May 31 – June 1. C. Hudik made the motion to approve Pastor's Report and K. Patterson made the second. Council agreed.
- C. Hudik, on behalf of the Stewardship Committee, said the group has been discussing "Reflection on a "Spiritual Timeline" in addition to its regular activities.
- K. Patterson, Learning Committee, spoke on several topics. She advised the recent Youth Sunday was well-received; noted Confirmation Class has begun; said youth will be involved in Easter breakfast preparation and serving the meal; and advised the next meeting for Vacation Bible School is set for May 7. The event will once again include three local churches.
- Pastor mentioned the Mobile Food Pantry will be at the Lena pantry April 23 and Good Shepherd is scheduled to volunteer at the pantry the fourth Saturday of the month.
- Denny Luke said the Property Committee met with Steve Buss to discuss installation of the sound system. Work will not begin until after Easter so the sanctuary is not disrupted during the season. Volunteers will be asked to help evenings when work begins. Luke also said a new eternal light has been received as part of the memorials already received. It will be installed in the near future.
- Tim Gordon suggested the committee look into replacement of the curb in the front of the church with potential addition to the memorial list. He was asked to gather bids.
- D. Luke said applications for college scholarships are due by the end of April. Applications will be reviewed and will need approval from the Council.
- T. Gordon said he continues to work on Facebook entries and has expanded posts to include area wide concerns and events.
- D. Luke said the first Confirmation Reunion Sunday with returning Pastor David Raben was well-received. Five confirmands under Raben's tenure plus other friends and families attended the service. Luke said he also spoke with Pastor Raben who said he enjoyed greeting friends of Good Shepherd at the church again.

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Council Meeting Minuets continued:

- T. Gordon, Men's Ministry, said the group recently had a work day at the home of a parishioner and reorganized the boiler room.
- K. Patterson moved to accept the committee reports and T. Gordon made the second. Council fully approved.
- In other business, Council learned a male delegate is still needed for the Northern Illinois Synod Assembly in June. Council unanimously approved a motion by K. Patterson to allow Rock River Blood Drive to use the Fellowship hall for a blood drive at a future date. The second was made by C. Hudik.
- In future business, Council learned more worship volunteers are needed and discussion is continuing on obtaining armred chairs for fellowship hall.
- K. Patterson discussed a pilot program that is being offered by Mitek, Winslow, to provide matching funds for a select number of local groups. Good Shepherd Youth Group has been accepted for the spring program which will span three months, April, May and June. Under the program Mitek will match up to \$1,000 in funds raised by the group. C. Hudik made a motion to accept this proposal and B. Raymer seconded. Council fully approved. Patterson said donations collected for the Easter breakfast can be applied toward this amount.
- Motion to adjourn was made by K. Patterson with second by B. Raymer. All approved and the meeting closed with the recital of The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Darci Meier, Secretary

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

Incoming March 2019	\$9875.15
Expenses March 2019	\$15,214.34
Net Income (Loss)	\$(5339.20)
Income, Year to Date 2019	\$ 5,133.14
Expenses, Year to Date 2019	\$35,961.46
Net Income (Loss)	\$(10,828.32)

### **WORSHIP NEWS**

Bible is full of stories. During the season of Easter we will hear and experience the stories of Easter people—Peter, Paul, Tabitha, Lydia, Silas, and unnamed jailer. On **May 19<sup>th</sup>** we will recognize our Sunday school teachers and volunteers during the service. Our Sunday Worship starts at 9:30am followed by the Fellowship Hour with treats and refreshment.

# MAY 2019 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Lena, IL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">                     May Communion Set-up/Clean up                      Jay and Michelle Andrews                 </div>		<b>1</b> 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters	<b>2</b> 9:00am Hannah Circle at Rene' Johnson's Home	<b>3</b>	
<b>5</b> <b>9:30am Worship Service</b> 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Sunday School 11:00am Choir Practice 5:00pm Chime Practice	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 1:00pm Pastor Miho Text Study  6:00pm VBS meeting, Good Shepherd	<b>8</b> 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters  10:00am-12:00pm Pr. Miho at NW Conference meeting, Synod office, Rockford	<b>9</b> 12:00pm Friendship Club/Potluck Entertainment by "Glenda Linneman"	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
12 Mother's Day <b>9:30am Worship Service</b> 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Sunday School 11:00am Choir Practice 5:00pm Chime Practice 7:00pm Baccalaureate Service, UMC, Lena	<b>13</b> 1:30pm Parkinson Support Group Meeting	<b>14</b> 9:45am Hymn Sing Lena Living Center 1:00pm Pastor Miho Text Study  6:30pm Council Meeting	<b>15</b> 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters   <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	<b>16</b> 1:00pm Good Shepherd at Friendship Center Devotions and Desert	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <b>9:30am Worship Service</b> Teacher Recognition Sunday Last day of Sunday School 10:30am Fellowship 11:00am Choir Practice 2:30pm Good Shepherd at Lena Living Center	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 1:00pm Pastor Miho Text Study	<b>22</b> 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>9:30am Worship Service</b> 10:30am Fellowship	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 1:00pm Pastor Miho Text Study	<b>29</b> 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters	<b>30</b> Ascension of Our Lord	<b>31</b>	June 1  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Youth OWL Night</b>  <b>5:30pm-9:00am</b> </div> 



**May Worship Volunteers**



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 (815-369-5552) by Tuesday of the week that you are to volunteer so that arrangements can be made. Thank you.

<p><b>May 26<sup>th</sup></b>                  Lector Marybeth Brinker                  Acolyte Ethan Fye                  Assisting Minister Krista Keene                  Worship Assistant Denny Luke                  Communion Assistants Beth Martin and Sheila Keene                  Communion Ushers Troy Keene and Andrew Martin                  Sound System Troy Doubler and open                  Greeters Sheridan and Marybeth Brinker                  Ushers Paul and Shirley Fox                  Gary and Cynthia Boeke</p>	<p><b>May 19<sup>th</sup></b>                  Lector Sue Diddens                  Acolyte Lucas Fye                  Assisting Minister Wayne Kurth                  Worship Assistant Vivian Hesselbacher                  Communion Assistants Cora Hudik and Denny Luke                  Communion Ushers Donna Gullickson                  Sound System Jay Andrews and open                  Greeters Virgil and Joanne Martin                  Bob and Sharon Schlachter                  Ushers Gene and Vivian Hesselbacher                  Troy and Cindy Doubler</p>
<p><b>May 12<sup>th</sup></b>                  Lector Janis Kurth                  Acolyte Jared Runkle                  Assisting Minister Jay Andrews                  Worship Assistant Sheila Keene                  Communion Assistants Marybeth Brinker and Shirley Fox                  Communion Ushers Chris and Angie Brinker                  Sound System Denny Luke and open                  Greeters Willie Kayser, Bob Schlachter                  Jerry and Beth Martin                  Ushers Bari Raymer, Jim Swain                  Virgil Gordon and Tim Gordon</p>	<p><b>May 5<sup>th</sup></b>                  Lector Marybeth Brinker                  Acolyte Jacob Runkle                  Assisting Minister Wayne Kurth                  Worship Assistant Janis Kurth                  Communion Assistants Jay and Michelle Andrews                  Communion Ushers Jerry and Beth Martin                  Sound System Troy Doubler and Ethan Fye                  Greeters Troy and Sheila Keene                  Sue Diddens and Janis Kurth                  Ushers Krista Keene, Troy Keene                  Larry Fults and Andrew Martin</p>

## **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 2 Hannah Circle 9:00am

May 9 Friendship Club Potluck/Entertainment 12:00pm

May 12 Baccalaureate Service at UMC, Lena 7:00pm

May 13 Parkinson Support Group 1:30pm

May 14 Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center 9:45am

May 16 Good Shepherd at Friendship Center for Devotions & Dessert 1:00pm

May 19 Last Day of Sunday School, Teacher appreciation Sunday

May 30 Ascension of Our Lord

May 30-June 1 Youth Owl Night

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